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## TYPHOID FEVER.

### 14 CASES LAST WEEK.

#### HOW DISEASE SPREADS.

The health return for last week shows no fewer than 14 cases of typhoid fever, of which 12 were Chinese (one being imported) and the other two British and Indian. Twelve of the cases were from Victoria, one from Kowloon and the other from Shaikwan. There were four deaths from the disease.

Other notifiable diseases reported were two non-fatal Chinese cases of paratyphoid fever, one Chinese death from cerebro-spinal fever, and one non-fatal case each of cholera and diphtheria, the first named imported. There was also one Chinese death from influenza.

#### CAUSES OF DISEASE.

It is interesting to note, in connection with the typhoid (enteric) cases mentioned above, that for last year there were 161 cases notified, as well as nine of paratyphoid. The Medical Officer of Health, in his annual report, has some interesting remarks to make on the prevalence of these diseases. He says:—"Although the incidence of enteric and paratyphoid fevers during 1925 was slight, the distribution of the cases throughout the year is of interest and seems to support the theory that the prevalence of these diseases is due chiefly to domestic factors except when, as has rarely happened, some common cause of infection has caused the disease to assume epidemic proportion."

A diagram is given in the report to show the incidence of enteric and paratyphoid fevers. The curves show the numbers of cases which occurred in each period of five days throughout the year for Hongkong and Kowloon separately. It is seen from the curve for Hongkong that the time of greatest prevalence of these diseases was in August and September, but that if this rise be excluded the diseases would have been more prevalent at the early and late period of the year than at the middle of the year.

#### CONTAMINATED WATER.

During the early part of each year, says the report, the Colony is generally short of water and a constant supply of water is not maintained in houses. Restriction of water supply to houses is generally put into force before the end of one year and not abolished before the beginning of the rainy season of the next year. When the Chinese are unable to obtain water from their house taps at any time of the day they bring into use for the collection and storage of water a heterogeneous assortment of pails and vessels for the purpose. Under these circumstances there is opportunity for the contamination of water after it has been drawn from house taps and hydrants.

The absence of enteric and paratyphoid fevers from Kowloon for one hundred days during the rainy season, that is the season of full water supply, of 1925 is remarkable.

#### THE FLY EVIL.

Early in July there was a strike of the coolies employed in scavenging and conservancy work. Although temporary measures were devised to cope with this occurrence the work could not be done as well as usual. In many cases people frequently threw their refuse into streets and lanes. As it was impossible to carry out more than one sweeping of streets daily and as refuse accumulated in houses there was more opportunity for the breeding of flies than is usual. In Kowloon, less difficulty in this respect was found than in Victoria. As was expected a rise in the incidence of enteric fever occurred a few weeks after the beginning of the strike.

## CANTON HOSPITAL INCIDENT.

### DR. TODD FORCED TO RESIGN.

#### KUOMINTANG CONTROL.

According to a Canton correspondent, Dr. Paul J. Todd, the American physician who has been with the Kung Yee Hospital and Medical College in Canton, for more than 15 years, has finally been forced to resign by the Kuomintang, who took over the institutions, it will be remembered, a year ago. Dr. Todd is said to have completely handed over his charge to the Kuomintang from the end of July.

Dr. Todd, with a number of the well-known Chinese physicians, founded the Hospital and College more than 15 years ago and has been at the head of these institutions.

#### BANDIT OUTRAGE.

##### American Catholic Missionary Released.

Hankow, August 3. The local American Roman Catholic Mission reports that the release has been effected of Father Cunningham, who was captured by bandits in West Hunan on July 15th.

[A week ago it was reported that a delayed telegram from the American Consul at Changsha, dated the 22nd July, briefly recorded that an American Catholic priest was captured by bandits in West Hunan on the 15th July, and that action had been taken to secure his release.]

tions practically ever since, although the Chinese have always assumed nominal presidency of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty. Chinese have contributed mostly to the finances, while to Dr. Todd is due the professional success of the institutions.

A year ago the Kuomintang "nationalised" the institutions and made them part of the Kwangtung University but still retained the services of Dr. Todd, who, with Mrs. Todd, has been engaged in the work ever since its inauguration.

## RELIGION IN MEXICO.

### A STRANGE INCIDENT.

Mexico City, Aug. 3.

The economic boycott which is the outcome of the Government's anti-clerical policy, has not yet affected the capital, but people, in many small towns and villages, besides wearing mourning and draping their houses with black, are only eating sufficient food to keep body and soul together, are avoiding amusement and purchasing only essentials.

A strange incident occurred in the city of Cordoba, during a parade of workmen in support of the Government's policy. The procession was passing the Cathedral, when at noon the angelus rang. The demonstrators unconsciously stopped and bowed their heads and bowed and then prayed, even while cheering for President Calles were reverberating.

—*Reuter's American Service.*

## BALLOON DISASTER.

### FOUR PEOPLE KILLED.

London, Aug. 3.

A terrible disaster took place at Kempston, Bedfordshire, when a captive balloon parted from the netting, the basket falling to earth. Four people were killed.—*Reuter.*

## THE HUNAN WAR.

### ATTACK ON "REDS" EXPECTED.

#### CANTON LABOUR UNREST.

Latest reports from neutral sources do not confirm the Kuomintang claim of July 19th that Yochow, an important city in Hunan, has fallen into the hands of the "Reds."

General Yang Sen, a militarist of Szechuan, who is commanding a large army, has joined Marshal Wu Pei-fu in his "anti-Red" campaign against the Kuomintang, according to a non-Kuomintang report. The "anti-Reds" say that on July 30th some twenty heavy field pieces left Hankow for Yochow for defence purposes, and the cruiser Yung Chien, of the Yangtze Squadron, was going to Yochow to re-inforce the land forces there, so that an offensive against the "Reds" may be commenced within a week.

#### WU TO ATTACK.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu, the Yangtze War Lord, has ordered his men to launch another attack in order to recapture Changsha, the Hunan provincial capital.

The Kuomintang Army reports the capture of Shekman, a city in Hunan.

General Tang Sang-chi, the Field Commander of the Kuomintang Army in Hunan, has been made concurrently Chairman of the Kuomintang Political Commission in Changsha. He will be assisted in the administration by five Commissioners, who are to head the Military, Civil, Financial, Education, and Reconstruction Departments.

General Tang Sang-chi is not now in Changsha, having gone to the field to suppress the "anti-Reds" attacking the Kuomintang.

#### NORTH DEFEAT.

It is reported that the Kweichow units under Ho Lung and Pang Han-cheung and the Szechuan unit under Yuan Tsu-ming, operating in the western part of Hunan, have decisively defeated the Northern Army at Tiao Yung under Ho Yew-tai, who is reported to have made his flight northward. A considerable portion of his forces conditionally surrendered and are re-enlisted into the Kweichow forces which will hereafter be known as the 9th Army Corps of the Revolutionary Army. The Szechuan unit, it is stated, will probably be formed into the 10th Army Corps, and these two Army Corps, after pacifying the western part of Hunan, will be diverted to operate in that part of Szechuan which is under the jurisdiction of Yeung Sum, a protégé of Wu Pei-fu.

#### IN KIANGSI.

A Chinese news agency report states that although no actual conflict has taken place between the two opposing forces in Kiangsi, since the occupation of Ping Ssang, the Revolutionary Armies are invading Kiangsi from Che Ping, under General Ching Chim, commanding the 6th Army Corps, and from Nam Hung by the 3rd Army Corps under the command of General Chu Pui-tek. They are said to be taking up important strategic points, apparently without opposition, as Lai Shi-wang, who has already declared himself and his command on the side of the Revolutionary Army, is said to have been detailed off to watch the movements of Yeung Hin-yu and Yeung Che-sang.

#### PITY THE COOLIES!

Many of the coolies who have been impressed for service in the Kuomintang Army going to Hunan are finding the work of transportation for the troops very hard and are trying to escape, not knowing that, once having enlisted, such action would amount to desertion, punishable by death. Word has reached Canton that more than 40 deserters from the coolie division have been shot at Lokchong since.

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## COBHAM'S ARRIVAL AT PENANG.

### TREMENDOUS OVATION BY CROWDS.

#### GRACEFUL LANDING.

Mr. Alan Cobham, the British airman who is engaged on a flight to Australia and back, arrived at Penang unexpectedly at 5.20 p.m. on July 28th, after everyone had given up watching.

Suddenly those in the clubs on the esplanade and on the sea front saw a speck on the horizon, and immediately surmised that it was the famous airman.

Word was sent by a man on look-out at the flagstaff to the Resident Councillor and the Harbour Master, who arrived at Victoria Pier, and, boarding the Government launch Albatross, proceeded to mid-channel, opposite the esplanade bandstand.

The seaplane arrival, circled once or twice overhead, and gracefully alighted on the spot allocated.

In the meantime another launch had come up, and the seaplane was between the Albatross and the Dolphin.

The Resident Councillor and the Harbour Master greeted Mr. Cobham and shook hands. By this time a crowd had surged round the pier.

Mr. Cobham, having boarded the Albatross, was taken ashore, where he received a tremendous ovation from the crowd.

He was immediately driven to the Residency, where he was met by others at the gate and those from the Golf Club.

Had Mr. Cobham arrived earlier in the day he would have received a still more rousing welcome.

He looked in splendid condition. He spoke in feeling terms of his late mechanic, Mr. Elliott, who was shot by an Arab near Basra.

Large crowds were on the esplanade this morning watching the seaplane.

## ITALIAN DEBT TO U.S.

### MR. ANDREW MELLON IN ROME.

Rome, Aug. 3.

Mr. Andrew Mellon, the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, arrived here unexpectedly, and has been interviewing Signor Mussolini and Court Volpi regarding Italy's economic financial situation.—*Reuter.*

## ANOTHER TYPHOON?

### LOW PRESSURE NEAR PARACELS.

To-day's weather report states that a trough of low pressure lies over the western portion of the China Sea. A typhoon may be forming in it near the Paracels. The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East winds, moderate; generally cloudy, showery.

## THE RUPEE.

### PROPOSED STABILISATION.

London, Aug. 3.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance the Indian Government intends to proceed forthwith with the stabilisation of the rupee at eighteenpence gold.—*Reuter.*

The latest Education Department circular in Perak forbids appeals by schools to the public for sports meetings.

The P. and O. liner Delta, which left Shanghai at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, is due here at 6 a.m. on the 6th instant.

## OPIUM RESERVE.

### REPORT OF MALAYA COMMITTEE.

#### OUTSPOKEN OPINIONS.

There has just been released for publication the report of a memorandum by the sub-committee of the Association of British Malaya on the Straits Settlements Opium Reserve Fund. The conclusions arrived at in London, it is to be noted, are very similar to those reached by the Singapore committee. The sub-committee state:

We the sub-committee appointed to consider the steps which have been taken by the S.S. Government to create a fund for the replacement of opium revenue report as follows:

We consider that the committee of the Association can properly approve the allocation of the \$30,000,000 voted at the meeting of the Legislative Council on August 24, 1925 to form the nucleus of the proposed reserve fund.

We understand that under the terms of the resolution this fund remains under the direct control of the Legislative Council and we consider that it is essential that this should be so.

#### COUNCIL AND COLONIAL FUNDS.

We should be strongly opposed to any proposal to deprive the Council of its control over any of the funds of the Colony whether allocated to a specific purpose or not.

On the general question of the total amount to be provided for the Opium Reserve Fund we consider that the object in view should be the provision of a fund sufficient to tide the Colony over the period between the cessation, or serious reduction, of its Opium Revenue, and the time when new forms of taxation, if then required, are sufficiently developed to take the place of that revenue; in other words we consider that the capital of the fund should be available as well as its income.

We do not approve of the extension of this principle to the provision of a fund which will permanently endow the Colony with an income which will wholly or partly replace its opium revenue.

#### PROPOSAL WITHOUT PRECEDENT.

We have many reasons for holding this view. In the first place such a proposal on the part of any Government is without precedent so far as we are aware, and we do not consider that the S.S. Government is justified in embarking on such experimental finance.

Again, we think the proposal would impose far too great a strain on the present generation for the benefit of the future and in this connection we would point out that if the abolition of opium smoking is to confer such moral and material advantages on the community in the future as its advocates promise us, future generations will be the better able to bear their own financial burdens.

Further we consider that the provision of a large capital fund, with the intention to use the income alone, and that only in the case of some future necessity, may create a grave temptation to divert the fund to purposes other than the needs of the Colony as determined by it. It must not be overlooked that the S.S. is a Crown Colony and not the sole master in its own house.

#### HIGHER TAXATION NOT NECESSARY.

Finally we would point out that any attempt to increase considerably the existing fund involves a higher rate of taxation than is necessary for the current requirements of the Colony, and as 20 per cent. of all taxation goes to the Imperial Government in the form of Military Contribution this generation would suffer under a very special handicap in endeavouring to raise such a fund.

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## SEQUEL TO LOCAL ROBBERIES.

### ARREST MADE AFTER TWO YEARS.

#### EUROPEANS' LOSSES.

After a lapse of nearly two years, a theft committed at Ty Tam Tuk Reservoir, where A. Thomson lost \$350, appears to have been solved by the arrest of the alleged thief, who appeared before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on three separate charges of larceny.

The defendant, a house copple, who was arrested at No. 9, Albion Terrace, Kowloon Docks, was charged in respect of the theft of \$350 from Mr. Thomson's residence on October 1, 1924. There were also preferred against defendant charges of theft of a silver cigarette case, the property

## MIXED COURT RENDITION.

### Proposed Exter Indemnity Legislation.

Rugby, Aug. 3.

In the House of Commons, answering questions, Mr. Locker-Lampson said that His Majesty's Government favoured the rendition of the Mixed Court at Shanghai.

Asked when it was intended to introduce legislation to amend the China Indemnity Bill, Mr. Locker-Lampson hoped that the necessary legislation would be introduced next Session, when the report of the Willingdon Delegation would have been published.—*Reuter.*

of Mr. G. R. Haywood, a local solicitor, and a gold wristlet watch belonging to Mr. Haywood's mother-in-law, as well as charges of receiving the two articles knowing them to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

It is stated that the defendant was formerly employed by both Mr. Thomson and Mr. Haywood during the time the theft occurred, the losses in the second and third charges being sometime in February of 1925.

The case was adjourned until next Tuesday.

## BALKAN DIFFERENCES.

### THE POSSIBILITY OF TROUBLE.

London, August 3.

The possibility of trouble in the Balkans was indicated by questions in the House of Commons asking whether steps would be taken to prevent Yugo-Slav troops from entering Bulgaria.

Mr. Locker-Lampson, in reply, said there was no reason to suppose that troops had yet entered Bulgaria as the result of the recent Comitadjis incident. He added that the Government was closely watching the situation, but had no reason to suppose that Yugo-Slav forces would be ordered to pursue any Macedonian bands crossing the frontier.

It is understood that the Yugo-Slav Government proposed to bring the matter to the notice of the League of Nations.—*Reuter.*

## COMMERCIAL PLANES.

### U.S. EMBARGO AGAINST MEXICO.

Washington, Aug. 3.

An embargo has been placed on the exportation of commercial aeroplanes to Mexico.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## LIVING COSTS.

### STEADY RISE IN MALAYA.

#### CAUSES ANALYSED.

To the average salaried European dwelling in Malaya the problem of making ends meet and having a bit over is one of ever increasing perplexity. There is no doubt (writes the *Telegraph's* Singapore correspondent) that the cost of living, which went up with a bound after the war, has been mounting steadily ever since, and it is to be questioned whether a more expensive place than Singapore could be found in the East.

Salaries have risen as well, of course, but hardly in proportion. The man who lived here modestly in pre-war days finds that his much increased salary does not go as far as the slender means of his junior years. If he married and has children in school at home, he is thankful to be able to scrape through on a salary which would have been considered princely in the old days.

#### RENT CHIEF CAUSE.

The chief cause of the high cost of living is the exorbitant house rent. There has always been a shortage of houses for Europeans in Singapore, and although building is going on all the time, the continual and large increase in the European population intensifies the scarcity.

For this the European population as a whole is largely to blame. What building there is has always been done by Chinese, Arabs and Jews—in other words the resident population. The European has never cared to invest in so permanent a thing as house property, his quite understandable desire being to make as much money as he can in as little time as possible and get out.

The natural consequence is that scarcity exists, and for the houses available the owners naturally demand and get a high rent. There is no such thing as a small European house under a rental of \$150 a month. Usually they rent at \$200 or \$250, this being for a very modest kind of dwelling such as any man might think he was justified in expecting in a tropical country.

Anything the least bit pretentious rents at very much more. There are two blocks of flats in the town. These are usually all occupied, and the rent of a flat is about \$150. It used to be said that a man's rent should not be more than a tenth of his income, but there are not so many incomes which make this work out right.

With other expenses in proportion—servants, for instance, get very much higher wages than they do in China—a senior married man on a salary of less than a thousand dollars a month does not have much left when he has paid all his expenses. But a thousand dollars a month represents considerably more than a thousand pounds a year, and even in the well-paid East, firms cannot afford to give salaries like this wholesale.

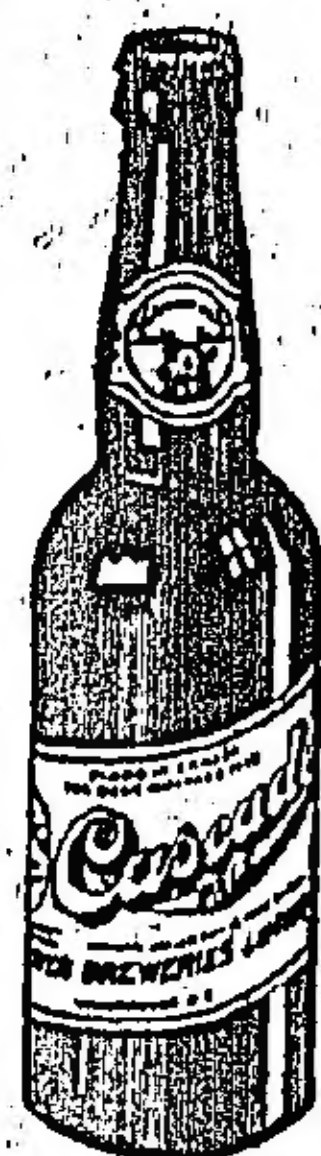
#### ONE REMEDY.

The remedy is, not increasing salaries and so continuing the vicious circle, but in reducing the cost of living, but when a certain standard has been created nothing is more difficult than this. One important contribution to the problem would surely be for more firms to build houses for their employees and let them at reasonable rentals.

A few firms do this, but they are a small minority. Government and Municipal employees always score in this respect—as they do in so many others. Either houses are provided for them, or they pay a small percentage of salary as rent. The average man in mercantile employment, or the professional man in practice, has to

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### VETERINARY REPORT.

#### INTERESTING ANIMAL STATISTICS.

The report of the Veterinary Surgeon for the year 1925 shows that 45,482 cattle were admitted to Government Depots during the year as against 64,000 in 1924. The total number of pigs admitted was 249,317 as against 345,622 in 1924. Of sheep and goats the number admitted was 21,054 as against 18,072 in 1924. The number of animals slaughtered during the year was as follows: 31,361 cattle, 11,055 sheep, and 103,023 pigs. At the Dairy Farm there were slaughtered 292 cattle and 3,035 pigs.

The abattoir disposed of the carcasses of 133 cattle, 6 calves, 101 sheep, 837 pigs, 92 horses, 24 mules, 228 dogs and 6,115 pounds of diseased meat, together with a large amount of material from commercial firms and banks. Twenty-six tins of kerosene were used to help to burn paper and 23 tons of coal for other consumption.

The report also shows that there were two outbreaks of rinderpest during the year, one of them especially severe as it ran through the Chinese dairy herds and played havoc among them. It is significant that no rinderpest has occurred since the strike and boycott troubles started. Cattle and other livestock are now prevented entirely from coming in from the West River districts. It would seem that the places on the river banks where stock are mustered prior to shipment for Hongkong are highly infected with rinderpest, anthrax, septicaemia haemorrhagica and other infectious diseases.

#### Dogs' Home.

One hundred and ninety-four dogs were detained during the year under observation for rabies. Of these 145 were returned to their owners, 19 died in kennels at Kennedy town, 21 were destroyed by order of the Veterinary Surgeon or by consent of the owners, and five were sent to the S.P.C.A. dogs' home.

During the year there were five cases of rabies in dogs. In connection with this disease the Veterinary Surgeon calls attention to methods adopted for protection in Japan. He says:

Owing to a very bad outbreak of rabies in Japan, Umeno and Doi carried out a system of vaccination as a method to control the disease in dogs. After experimental work they concluded that it was possible to immunize dogs against rabies by means of one subcutaneous injection of glycerinated fixed virus which had been attenuated by the addition of Phenol. This method was put to a practical test and large numbers of pet dogs in certain districts were given one dose of vaccine.

There were 31,307 dogs vaccinated in Japan, of which number there was only one case of vaccination loss, and one in which the vaccination could not be regarded as effective enough; there were many cases of rabies among the unvaccinated dogs. It will be seen from the above that this prophylactic measure has been proved of the greatest value in combating the spread of this disease among animals.

### CHURCH AND STATE.

#### SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE.

Mexico City, August 3. The President has rejected the proposal by the Episcopate for a truce, but it is learned that steps are being taken which are expected to result in informal personal negotiations between the Attorney General and a high dignitary of the Church, whereby a settlement may be reached.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### HONGKONG TRADE.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—Nothing to report. Prices for both sorts of raw material show a slight advance. Latest quotations are those of the 29th inst. Eg. Sakel. 16.40d. Mid. Amer. "Spot" 10.13d.

Cotton Yarn.—In the early part of the fortnight under review a moderate business in spot and forward was put through, but the demand has now eased off. Quotations are purely nominal.—No. 10s. \$150/168. No. 12s. \$155/168. No. 16s. \$170/175. No. 20s. \$180/185. Arrivals 1,600 bales. Shipments Nil. Sales 2,000 bales. Unsold stock 3,000 bales. Bargains 5,500 bales.

Woolens.—Nothing doing, market dead.

Raw Cotton.—No sales to report.

Metals.—There has been a sharp rise in tin-plates but otherwise prices remain unchanged and no business reported.

Flour Market Report.—Stocks: 300,000. Market: Quiet. Quotations:—American Patent, \$4.25; American Straight, \$3.50; American Cut off, \$3.50; Australian No. 1, \$3.65; Canadian Cut off, \$3.00; Canadian Straight, \$3.10; Canadian Mixture, \$3.04; Canadian Second Clear, \$2.90 nominal.

Sugar.—Better demand at slightly lower rates.

Salt-petre.—Market very quiet since last circular.



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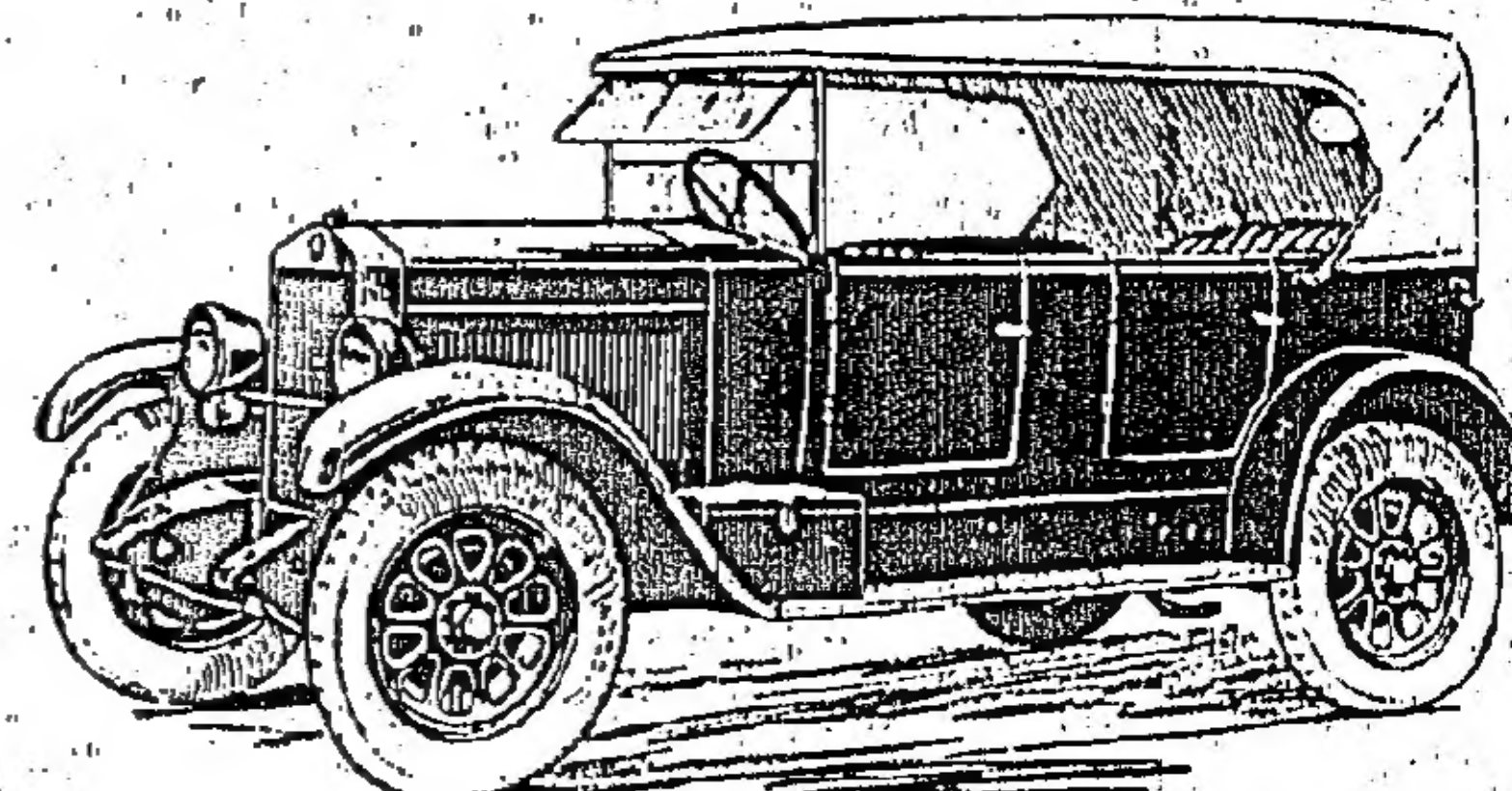
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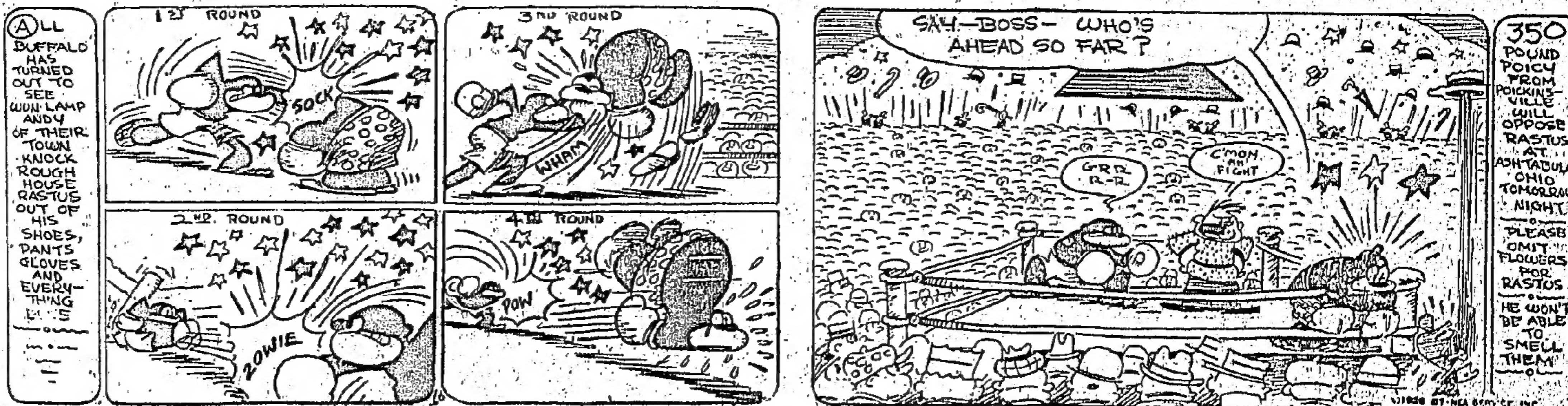
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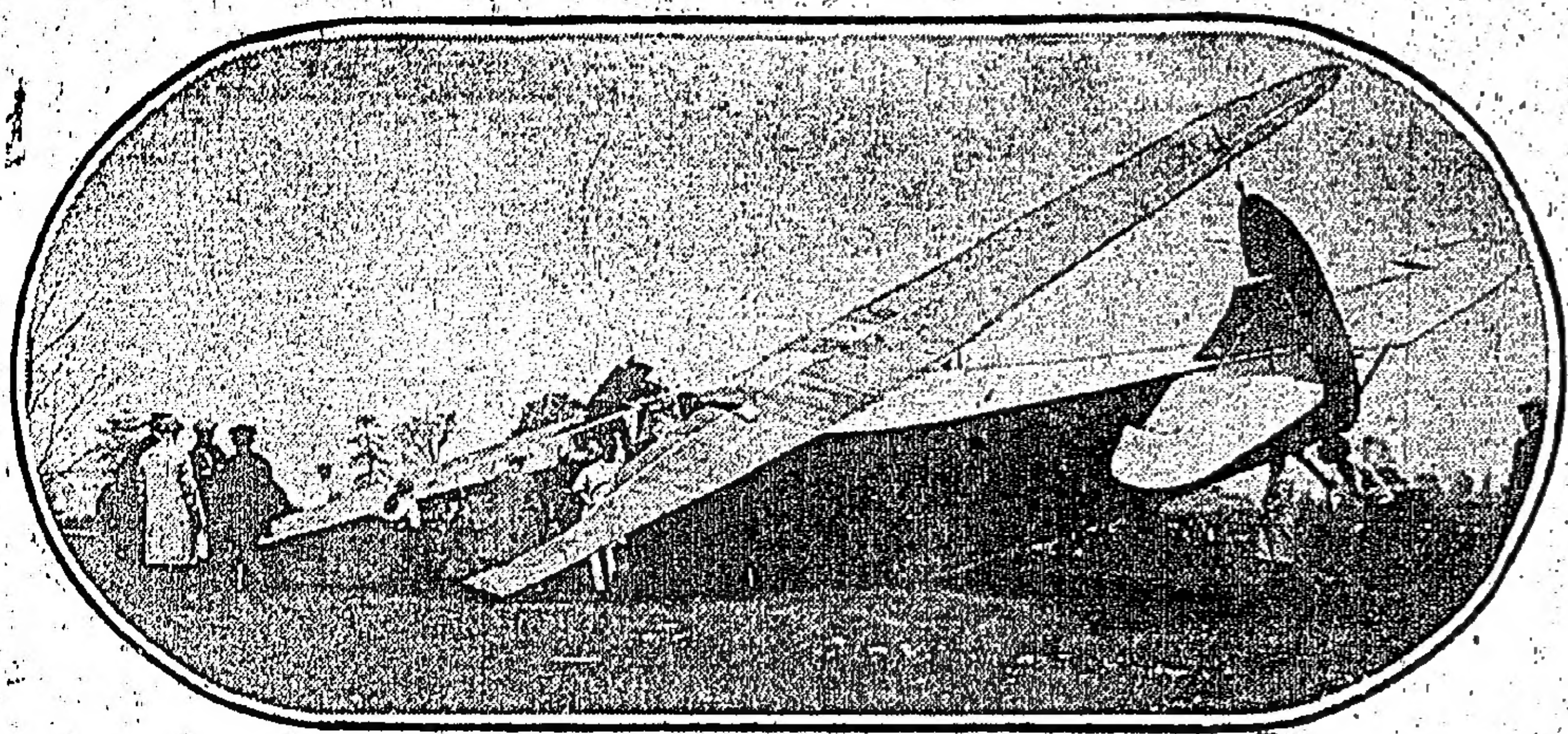
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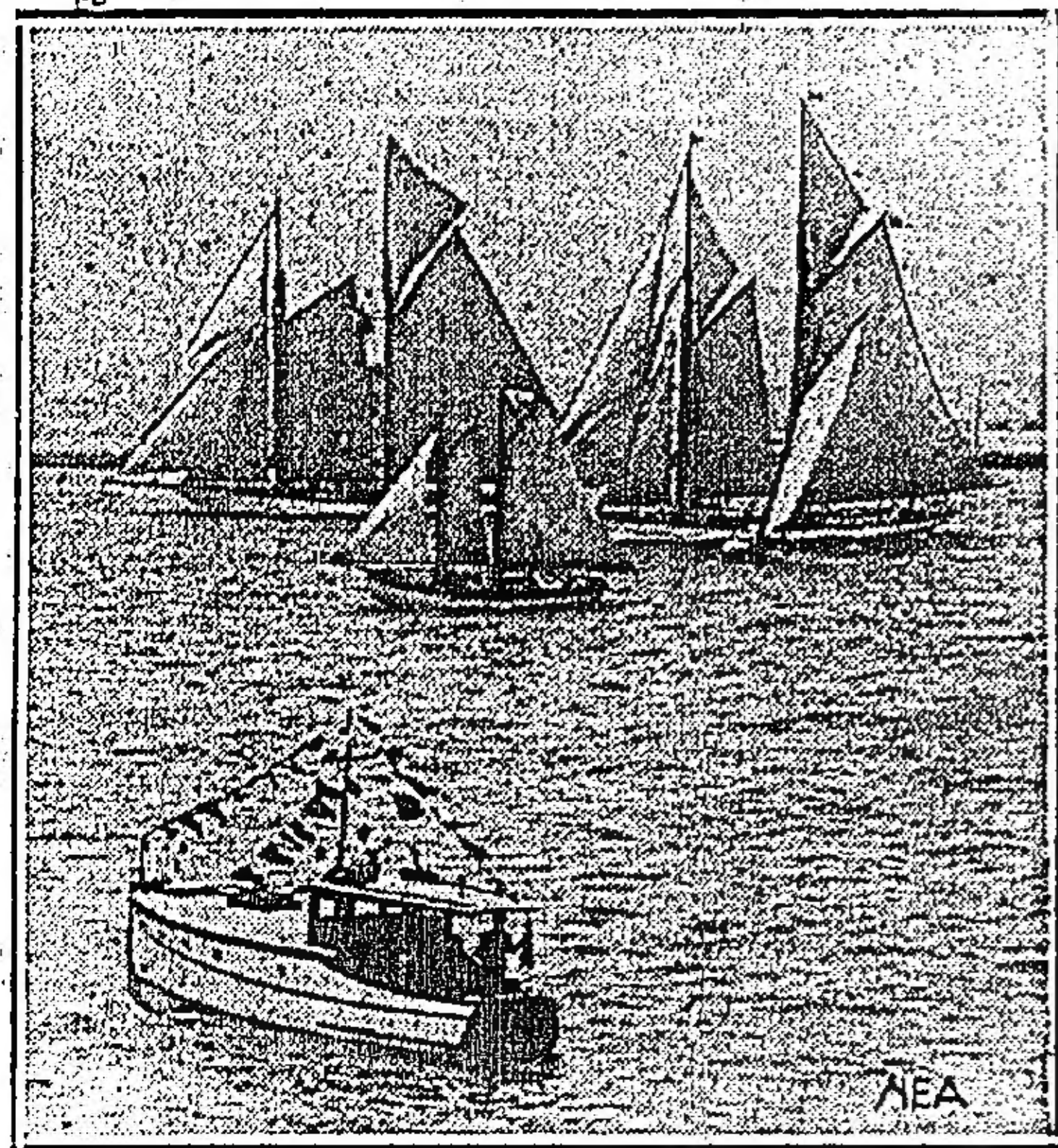
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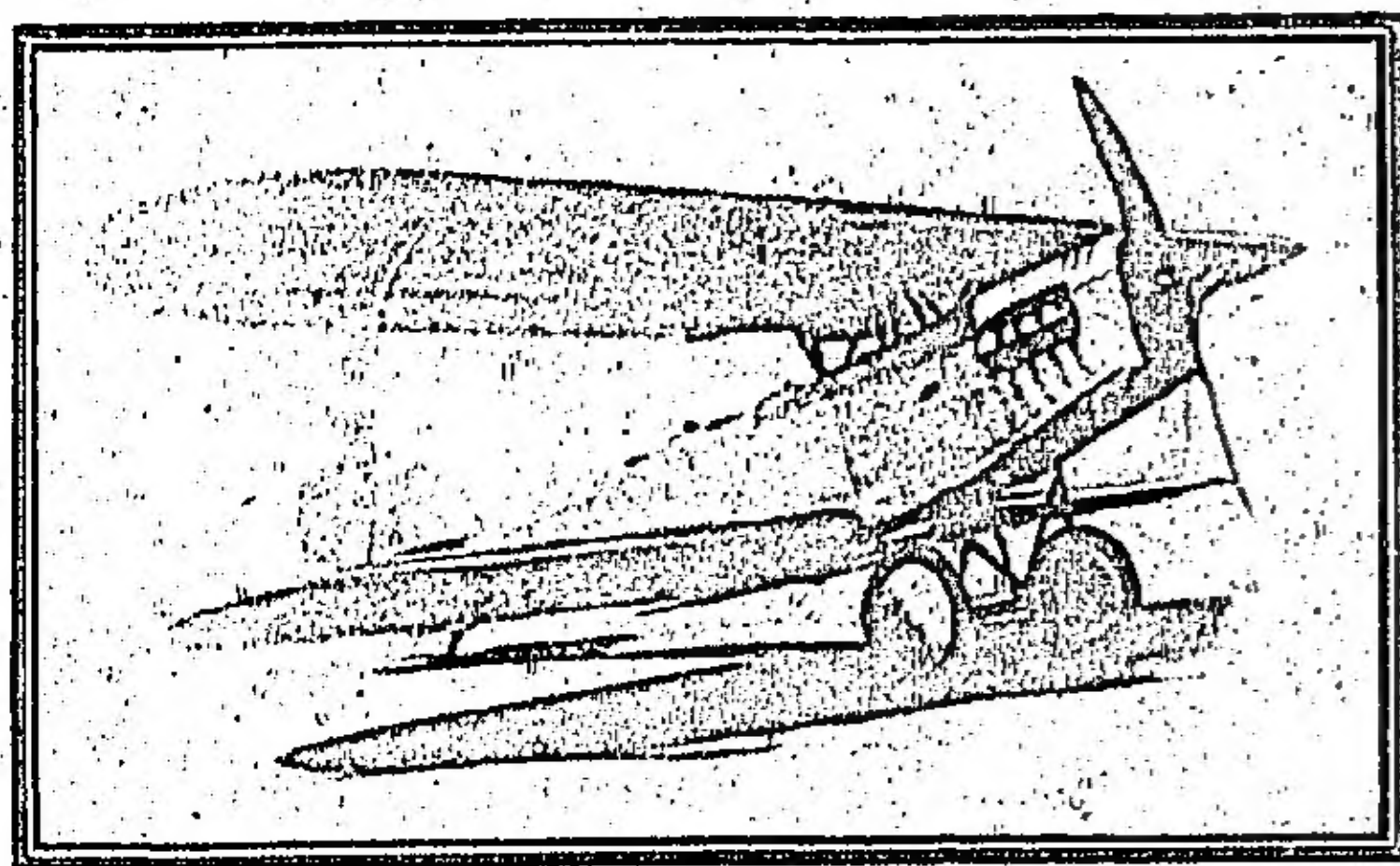




**DISASTER AT FIRST ATTEMPT.**—This Continental Motors plane fell to earth on a trial flight from New York to Detroit. President Kettering of Continental Motors was one of the four passengers none of whom were injured.



**BIG YACHT RACE.**—This picture was taken just as the starter's gun sent the Pacific coast's fastest sailing yachts off on their race from Los Angeles harbour to Honolulu. At the left is Invader, owned by Don Lee of the San Francisco Yacht Club; next is little Jubilo, owned by J. T. Dickson of the Catalina Island Yacht Club; third is John Barrymore's Mariner. The small cruiser in the foreground is the starter's craft.



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**STILL USES SIDE SADDLE.**—Miss Mildred Taylor clears the barriers at the Huntington Horse Show, Huntington L. I. in fine style on her prize-winning horse, "Peter Blue," with never a waver in her seat on the old-fashioned saddle.



**A MAGIC BUNNY.**—Pictured above is little Betty Mattson as she appeared in "The Magic Flute," a juvenile play given at a Boston benefit for the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.



**PREMIER CHEF.**—Jacques Lindauer, chef de cuisine of the French liner Paris, wearing a gold medal awarded him by "Le Matin," a Paris newspaper, for his hygienic cooking.



**THE DUKE OF YORK AT WIMBLEDON.**—The Duke of York playing in the Doubles at Wimbledon; he was partnered by Commander Greig. Their opponents, Mr. Roper Barrett and Mr. A. W. Gore, won by three sets to none (6-1, 6-3, 6-2). Times Copyright.



**OLNEY PAGEANT.**—The procession through the market-place at the inauguration of the Olney Historical Pageant and Fete. The pageant was held in aid of the Parish Church Roof Fund. (Times copyright).



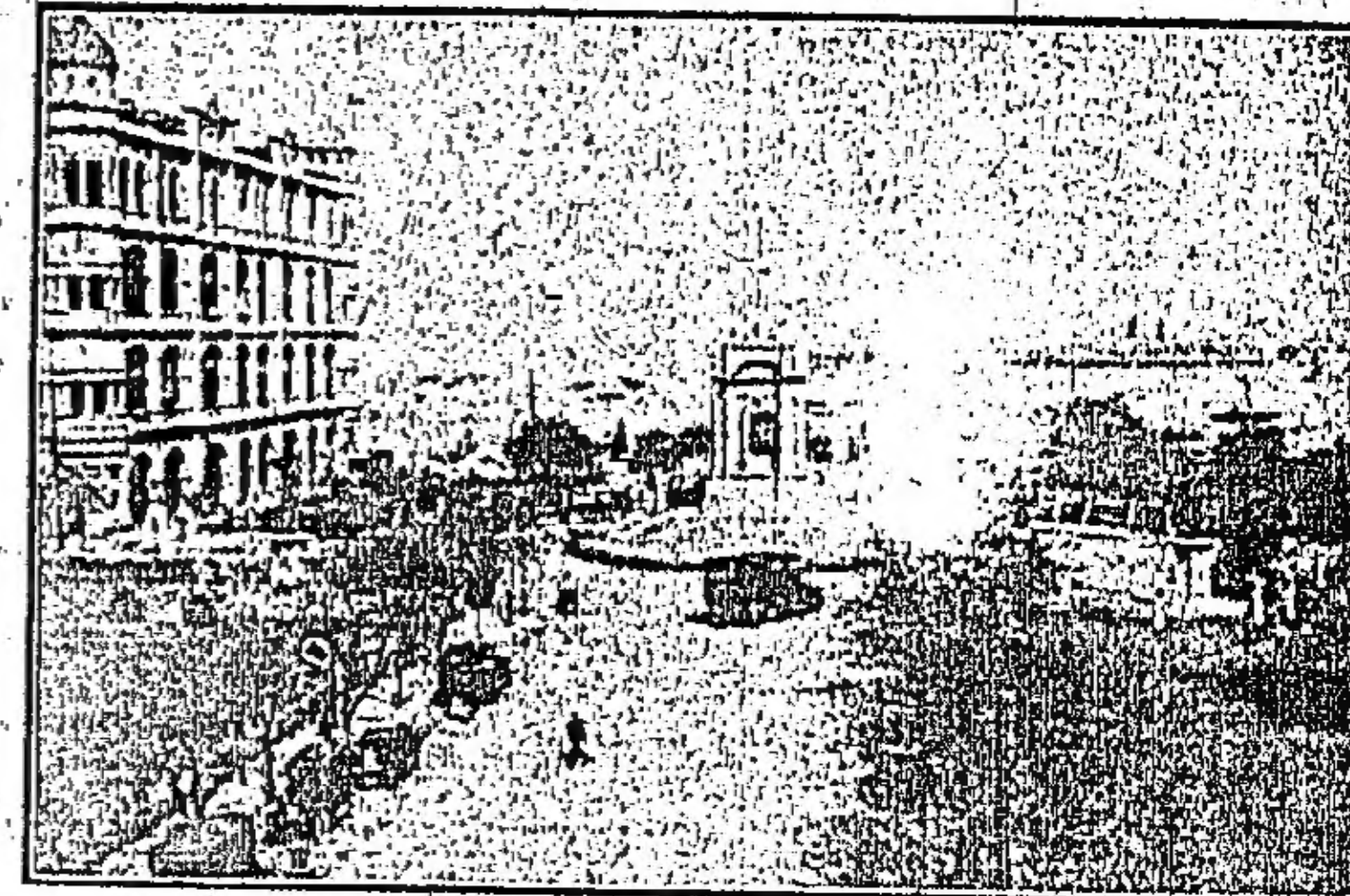
**FRECKLES.**—Wesley (Freckles) Barry, of cinema fame is not only grown up, he's married! Here he is with his bride, formerly Miss Julia Wood, of Newark, and the Rev. George Edmison, right, who married the couple.



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### THE MACAO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Every person desirous of participating in this auction are kindly requested to call at the Office of the said Department where the general conditions of the sale can be found, during any working days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Director of Public Works,  
EUGENIO SANCHES DA GAMA,  
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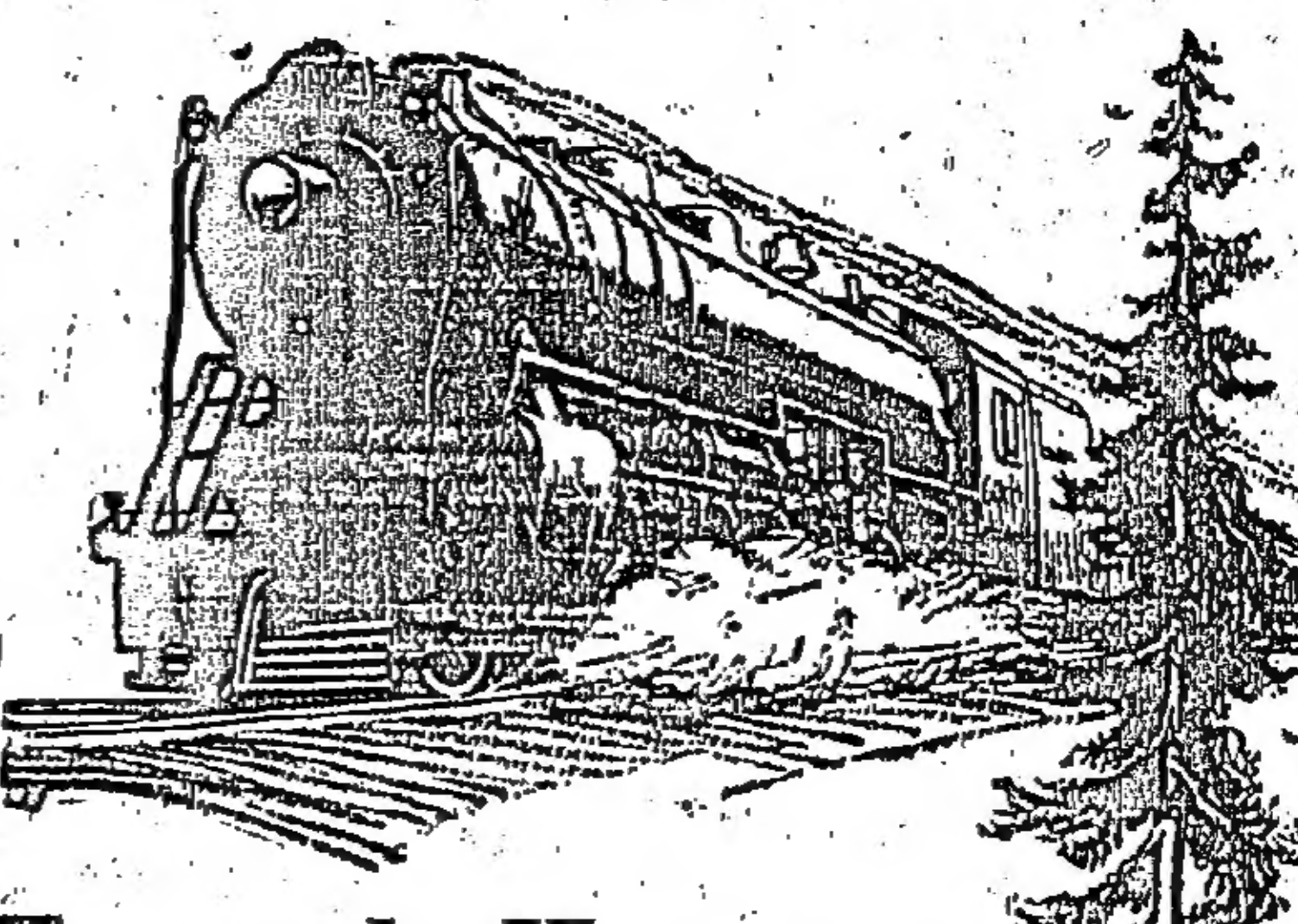
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Miss Purdom of the F. M. S. Educational Department, had a somewhat nasty motor car accident the other day while coming towards Kuala Lumpur from the direction of Batu Village, but fortunately without injury to herself. Miss Purdom was being driven in her Morris Cowley car by her Javanese syc, when at the 4 1/2 mile the car collided with a passing lorry. The car was fairly damaged, but neither Miss Purdom nor her driver received any injury. Inspector Mohamed Noor of Kepong visited the scene of the accident soon afterwards and as a sequel charged Miss Purdom's driver with driving without a licence. Accused was fined \$5 it being stated that he had a licence to drive an Overland car.

The prospectus of the Perak River Hydro-Electric Company has been published. The Master of Elitbank is chairman and Sir Thomas Barlow vice-chairman. The authorised capital is £3,600,000, of which £1,000,000 is in ordinary shares. The F.M.S. takes £500,000 worth of cumulative preference shares, with the right to appoint a director. The requirements of power in Perak are 37,000,000 units. It is estimated that the revenue will be £455,000 and the annual surplus by £382,000.

As a result of a complaint made to the Singapore Principal Civil Medical Officer, Mr. Nichol, arrested a Chinese, Lim Swee Kim, and charged him with practising dentistry without a licence and using the title of dentist. A fine of \$100, in default two months' rigorous imprisonment, was imposed.

The death has occurred at Teluk Anson of Mr. R. H. Reid, a well-known European chemist who lived for many years in Perak and was at one time connected with Oldfield's dispensaries. The funeral was largely attended.



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## THE PAN-ASIATIC CONGRESS.

## A DEBATE BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA.

Tokyo, August 3.  
Though the vernacular papers give prominence to the proceedings of the Pan-Asiatic Congress, editorial comment so far has been confined to this morning's *Miyako* which censures the Chinese delegates for their continued insistence on the abrogation of the Twenty-one Demands, and advocates that Japan should be well advised to co-operate with Britain and America rather than foster anti-Western Pan-Asianism.

Hitherto the proceedings have been confined mainly to a Sino-Japan debate, the other delegates virtually not participating.

## A Secret Discussion.

Later.  
The three-day session of the Pan-Asiatic Congress closed this morning, after electing 2 Japanese, 2 Chinese, 2 Indians and one Filipino as directors of the new Asiatic League.

It was decided to hold the next Congress in Peking.

The Chinese delegates again insisted on the abrogation of the Sino-Japanese unilateral treaties as being essential for better relations.

It is reported that at yesterday's meeting the Chinese delegate Hwang Kung-shu startled the conference by proposing the Pan-Asiatic League should assist India and the Philippines to regain their independence, especially India, as it is the white races' base in the Orient, consequently if independence be regained western influence in Asia will be automatically wiped out.

The Japanese delegate decried discussing the proposal publicly, as he feared the police would break up the meeting if anything injurious to Anglo-Japanese or Japanese-American friendly relations were debated; consequently it was decided to discuss the matter in secret later.—*Reuter*.

## Shanghai Agitation.

Shanghai, August 3.  
The Merchants' and Labourers' Associations and other local Chinese organisations are holding meetings strongly opposing the Pan-Asiatic Conference, through which they accuse Japan of attempting to engineer her own ends. The meetings declare that Japan should show her sincerity by abandoning her alleged aggressive policy toward China and not by calling meetings.—*Reuter*.

## RECENT WILLS.

## LATE MR. T. S. FORREST'S ESTATE.

The will of the late Mr. Thomas Shaw Forrest has been re-sealed in the Supreme Court. Mr. Forrest died at St. Andrews, Fifeshire, on November 10, 1925. His left estate in Hongkong which has been valued for probate at \$4,700, being mainly his interests in Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. His estate in England was \$61,532. Probate of the will of the late Mr. Robert Hay Berry Mitchell has been granted in the Supreme Court. Mr. Mitchell was formerly with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock and died while on leave in England in December 1925. His estate in Hongkong amounted to \$1,900.

## CHINESE MUSIC BY RADIO.

## LOCAL BROADCAST TEST CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

The first Chinese test concert organised by the Hongkong Radio Society will be broadcast from the South China Morning Post Building to-night on the usual wavelength of 475 metres.

The programme will be purely Chinese in character but Europeans will no doubt find much of interest in it. The entertainers will be Messrs. Wai Po-cheung, Leung Kam-tong, Ho Chak-man, Sun Cho-yeh and others.

The programme will consist of vocal items, accompanied by the usual Chinese string instruments, and possibly a few string instrumental selections on the reed flute and dulciana. In addition one or two Chinese gramophone records will also be broadcast.

The test will start at 8.30 p.m. and will continue until 10 p.m.

This is the second test concert organised by the Society, the first one being given last Friday. To-night's transmission will be the first specially arranged for Chinese listeners and if it meets with success other similar concerts may be arranged.

## JULY'S RAINFALL.

## RECORD OF THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

Owing to the fact that the pluviometer at the Botanic Gardens was put out of order by the tremendous rains of the recent storm it failed to register more than 11.78 inches of the rainfall of over 24 inches that fell in 24 hours and flooded a great part of the city last month.

Thus the record of the rainfall for July from that source is deficient, showing only 20.84 inches for the 31 days. There were 10 dry days in July. The heaviest fall recorded was that of the night of the 13th. The record of the 19th shows only .71. On the 23rd, during the short typhoon, there was a record of 2.21 inches.

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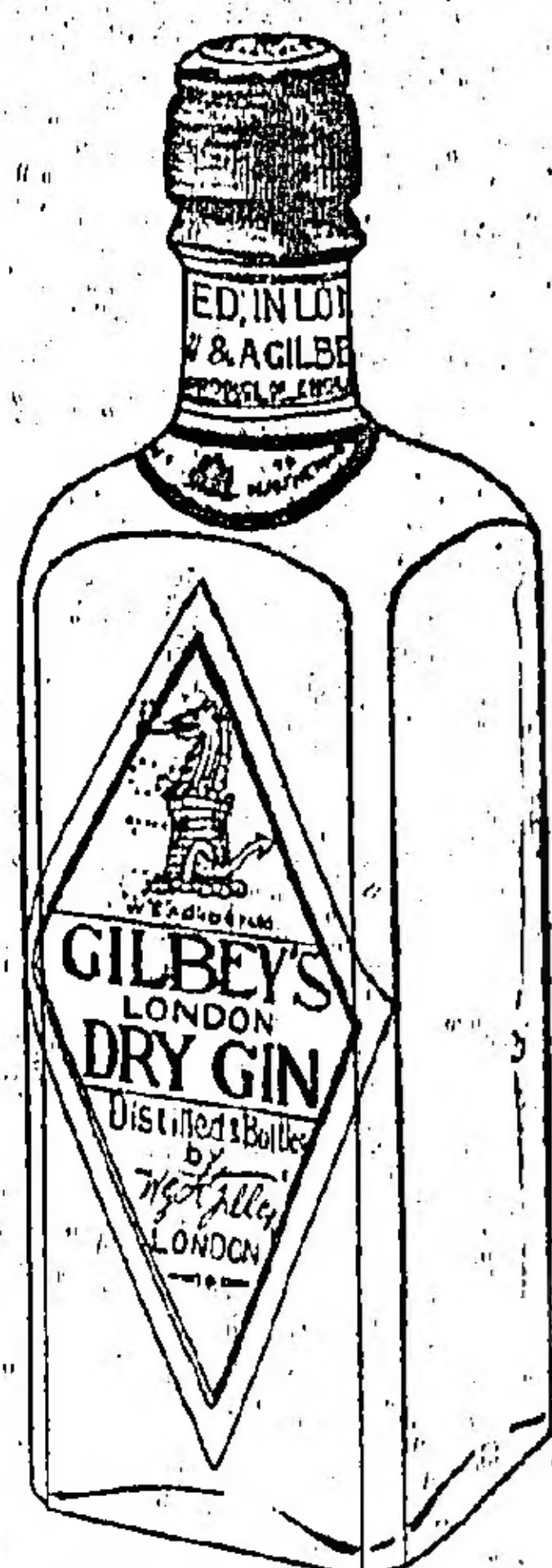
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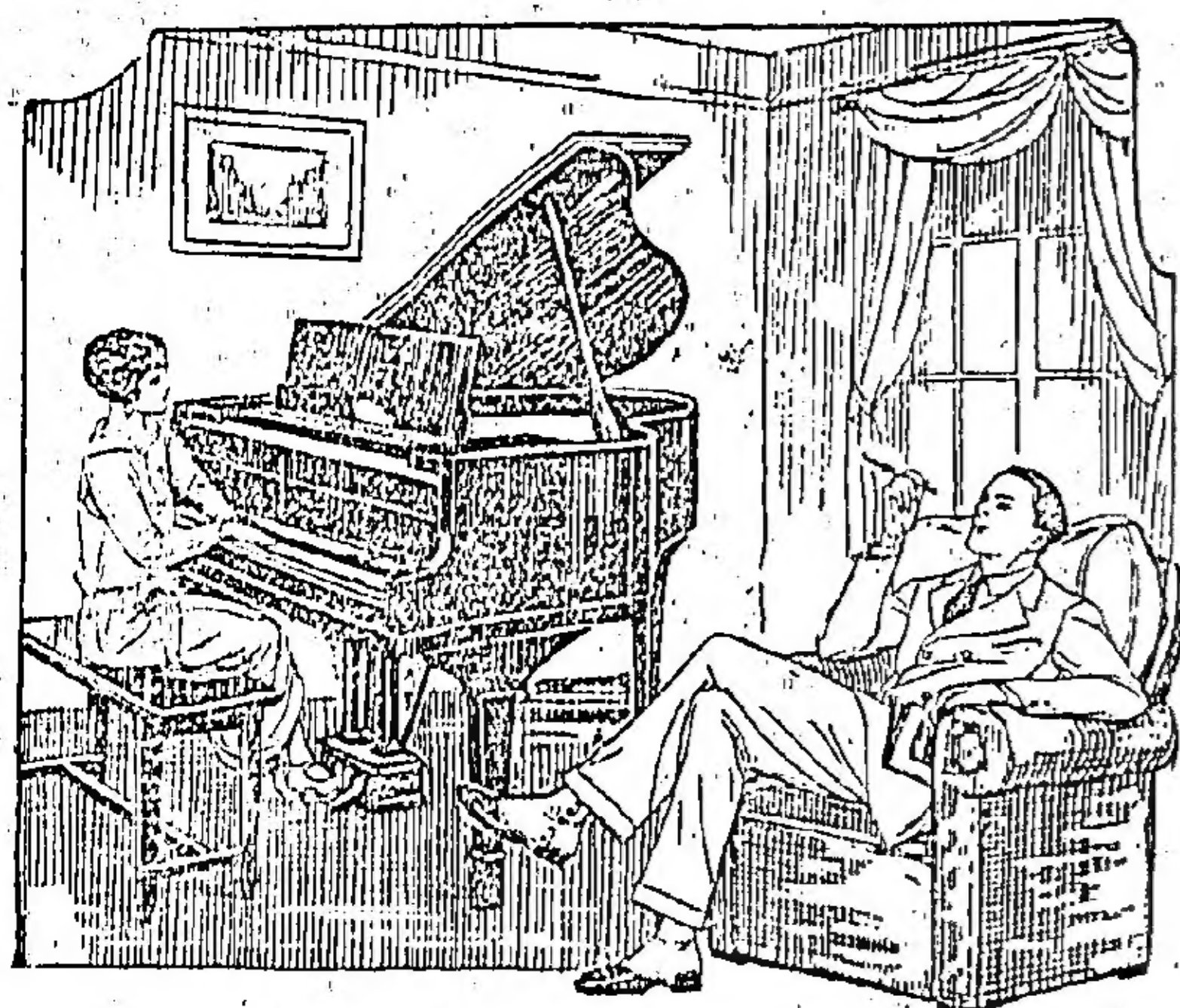
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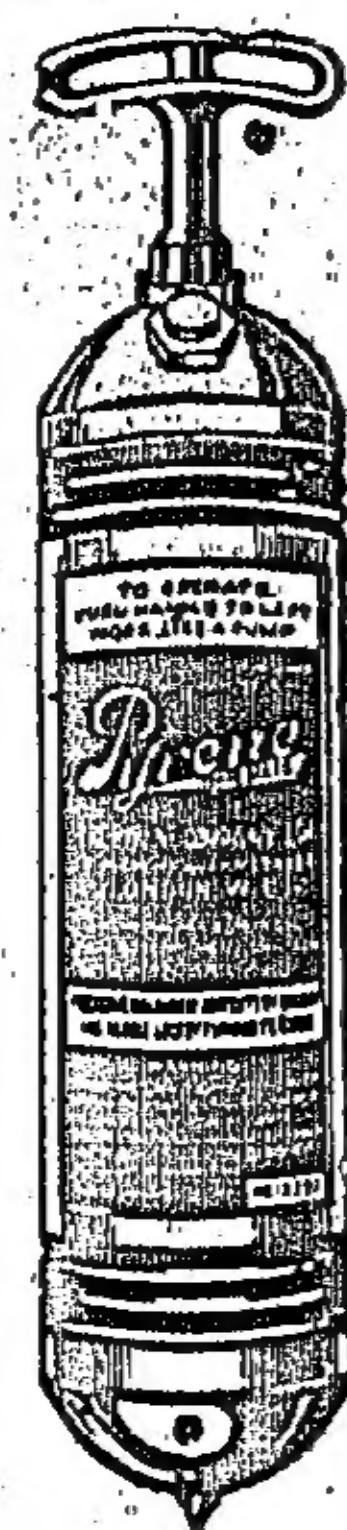
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1926.

### THE MEXICAN TROUBLE.

Very serious external as well as internal trouble might easily emanate from the Mexican Government's religious regulations, regarding which Reuter is keeping us so well informed these days. We do not remember ever having seen or read a full summary of the regulations, but one of them aims at the nationalisation of all church property which belongs to Mexicans and the registration of all non-Mexican church property, and it is this arbitrary seizure by the Government of property which never belonged to the State nor was intended for the State by its donors that has caused such a wave of religious fervour. The Catholic church is rightly fighting for the retention of its property and religious devotees by the thousand are demonstrating their sympathy. If the behests of the Archbishop are carried out, priests will cease to perform their priestly duties and churches will be closed, pending the decision of the Government's ruling. It is hard for us here, more or less uninformed of what has led up to the Government's decision, to know if there is anything trust-worthy in the allegation that leading Catholics were interfering too much with the national politics and that the churches were being used as a cloak for much political propaganda, but it does seem as though many Mexicans have a complaint against the Church and that the regulations are not wholly condemned. We were told yesterday that 50,000 people joined in a procession in Mexico City in support of the Government's policy, and it would seem that the nation is seriously divided on the issue. But the Mexican Government has repeated one of the greatest mistakes against which history warns—the mistake of trying to force matters. Religion is a matter on which people brook no interference and it has most certainly been foolish to attempt to counter any undesirable influence by religious organisations by an act of unjustified confiscation. Interference with church property which belongs to British and American communities has also been reported and vigorously protested against, but Mexican excuses are nothing if not ingenious. Whole communities have been welded into unison in protest against the Government, and any Government which suffers that is riding for a fall. It has to be remembered that the Mexicans are deeply affected by their religion—

that it plays a very vital part in the everyday life of the community. We read of solid streams of humanity flowing along the roads to the Shrine of Guadalupe, the favourite Saint of Mexico and the dearest beloved of the Indian residents. The Saint has traditionally saved Mexico City many times and has often befriended the Indian. How can worshippers allow churches and property given to the Church in the name of the Saint to be sequestrated by the Government? That is the kind of question which is being put and very decidedly answered. There is a tense and excited feeling everywhere and this is but the prelude to the inter-cine strife that will assuredly follow. The Government is wrong, as it will most certainly discover. If there is any weight in the plea that the influence of the Church is a hindrance to the political development of the country, then that influence can only be frustrated and defeated by the process of education and enlightenment. It cannot be fought with weapons of injustice.

### Free of Plague.

It is nearly three years ago since the last case of plague was notified in this Colony. In his annual report, the Medical Officer of Health states that the last case was in September, 1923, and we believe we are right in stating that not a single occurrence has since been reported. That is assuredly a most encouraging sign. It is significant also that there has been a steady decline in the incidence of the disease since the passing of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance in 1903, under the provisions of which anti-plague measures are enforced, including prohibition of the construction of hollow walls and certain types of ceilings which harbour rats. We are therefore inclined to think that the claim of the M. O. H. that the existing health laws have been a big factor in the suppression of the disease is not without due foundation. We only need to look at some of the figures of plague incidence in this Colony, as revealed by the Medical Officer's report, to realise what has been accomplished. Since the first discovery of plague here in 1894 (the year when thousands of lives were lost from the disease), there have been no fewer than 24,196 cases notified. Of these, nearly 17,000 occurred in the first sixteen years of that period. To illustrate the steady decrease, let it be noted that in the eleven years from 1895 to 1905, the incidence of cases was 34.72 per 1,000 of population, that for the next period it had dropped to 21.37 and that for the years 1915-25 the figure was only 4.75. This means that, comparing the first period with the last, the drop has been one of over 86 per cent. These are most gratifying figures, and it is sincerely to be hoped that, after years of endeavour, the health measures taken by the authorities have resulted in a complete stamping out of the dread disease.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

	Rugby, August 3.
Paris	182 3/4
Brussels	179 3/4
Amsterdam	12 10 1/4
Berlin	20 42 1/2
Copenhagen	18 33 1/2
Oslo	34 42 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/4
Lisbon	217 3/4
Buenos Aires	45 9 1/16
Shanghai	2 10 1/4
Yokohama	1 11 17 3/32
New York	25 12 1/4
Geneva	148 1/4
Stockholm	18 16
Oslo	22 18
Prague	164 1/4
Madrid	31 1/2
Rio	7 9 1/16
Bombay	1 5 29 3/32
Calcutta	2 2 3/4
Silver (spot and forward)	29 3 10

The Pinang Gazette's Allahabad correspondent's private despatch from Kumaon Hills indicates that the monsoon is very active. The whole district has been swept by a phenomenally heavy rainfall, 20 inches being recorded in 48 hours. Streams are now raging torrents; landslides and washaways have taken place, rendering communications impossible. Bridges have been destroyed and hillside villages demolished. The casualties are not yet known but most of the fruit and other trees have been severely damaged.

### DAY BY DAY.

IN CONDEMNING THE VANITY OF WOMEN, MEN COMPLAIN OF THE FIRE THEY THEMSELVES HAVE KINDLED.—*Lingree.*

One British case of paratyphoid fever was reported in Hongkong yesterday.

To-day is the anniversary of Britain's declaration of war on Germany in 1914.

Two Chinese cases of enteric were reported during the three days ended Monday.

Passengers passing through by s.s. Paul Léaut included Comte Max de Hamptonne, bound for Marseilles from Shanghai.

The driver of a bus belonging to the China Motor Bus Co., was badly hurt when his vehicle overturned about 7 o'clock yesterday evening, while taking a bend in Hunghom. There were no passengers, and no other casualties.

The rainfall registered at the Botanic Gardens during July is given as 20.84 inches. This includes 11.78 inches on July 18th, but the actual fall was much heavier, it being explained that the air gauge was out of order on that day.

A most attractive programme has been arranged for the promenade concert at the Volunteer Parade Ground at 9.15 p.m. on Friday. Besides selections by the Surrey Band, songs will be contributed by Mr. H. E. Gardner, whilst Miss V. M. Jefford will appear in classical dances.

A big haul of illicit opium was made aboard the China Navigation Company's vessel Anking on her arrival at Singapore from Hongkong and Amoy. On searching the ship Revenue Officers found concealed in the engine room no less than 5,000 taels of the drug, which is valued at about \$40,000.

A new fortnightly feature will appear in to-morrow's Telegraph. This will be in the nature of Musical Jottings, by a well-known local expert, who will use the pen-name of "Allegro." These articles will appear on alternate Thursdays, and they will deal with matters musical, both local and general.

The many friends of Mrs. C. W. Dawson, widow of a former Hongkong public servant, will regret to hear that she is very seriously ill in Yorkshire, whither she went from Hongkong in March last. A cable advising her relatives was received yesterday and her sister, Miss Ruby Mow Fung, is leaving by the Delta on Saturday.

Passengers due to arrive here to-morrow from Europe by s.s. Kalyan include Lieut. K. M. P. Edwards, R.N., Lieut. T. W. Graham, R.N., Lieut. R. C. D. Grimes, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hughes and child, Lieut. A. J. P. Pigeon, R.N., Lieut. J. H. Topp, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Warren and infant, Mr. G. M. Wilford.

The death took place on July 7th, of Mrs. Charles Stewart, of the Royal Hotel Rangoon. Mrs. Stewart, who was born in England just over 48 years ago, came out to Burma in the early part of 1902: she was married to Mr. Stewart of the then partnership of Messrs. Saxton and Stewart, proprietors of the Royal Hotel, in December of the same year at the Cathedral.

Another well-known coasting master has left Hongkong, namely Captain Jack A. Drummond, who was for a long time employed as master in the Douglas Company. Captain Drummond was born in Glasgow, and he has held various commands on the China Coast, where he was well liked. The Captain and his wife have now left for Australia, where it is understood they will make their home in future.

The first loss which the European staff employed at the Singapore Naval Base has sustained occurred last week, when Mr. Ferrant, who had been employed in connection with the dredging operations at Seletar, died in the General Hospital from cancer. The deceased, whose brother is also employed at the Base, came out to Singapore last November. The funeral, which took place at Bidadari, was attended by most of the members of the European staff from the Base.

### "IF IT CAME."

"A BIT THICK."

[BY "GYNICUS."]

On Saturday last, a most interesting article appeared in a Hongkong newspaper entitled "If It Came," in which the writer proceeded to explain what would happen if a typhoon reached the Colony. A writer in the same worthy journal had, earlier in the week, prophesied a typhoon, and, but for the extreme rudeness of the elements in refusing to back up the prediction, the reader would have been enabled to follow "The Storm" by means of a sort of annotated programme.

However, "the best laid plans of mice and men" have, frequently gang awa before, but one must not allow that to detract from the excellent example thus set for future occasions. The title is certainly intriguing—"If It Came!" Think what untold benefits would be conferred upon suffering humanity if similar prophetic analysis could be applied to such disabilities as shrews, mothers-in-law, radio, dentists and the Charleston!

To revert to the article in question, the introduction was made by stating that "some residents are anxious to know what conditions are like in the thick of a cyclone?" The question therefore arises:—How thick is the thickness of the thick of a cyclone? or, to problematise it—think of the thickness of thin air when rendered *capitato* by a typhoon—and take away the first number you thought of. Simply makes you thick to think of it!

The article proceeded to state that "Ancient (and some modern) houses would collapse and probably a certain portion of the ships in shelter would be blown ashore and their decks swept clean." I am authoritatively able to state that in addition to the foregoing novel experience, and, at the precise moment or moments, Ancient (and some Modern) hymns would probably be sung, especially by the skippers of some of our palatial coasters who witnessed the miracle of their decks being swept clean without the aid of pumice stone and profanity. "Many trees would be blown down," assures the writer, but I think here that he should remember that the majority of residents do not climb trees, especially in a typhoon.

I am indebted, however, for one particularly interesting explanation

### SCHOOLBOY TOUR.

BIG PARTY OFF TO AUSTRALIA.

Rugby, Aug. 3. A party of forty Public and Secondary schoolboys left London to-day for Australia. They travel under the auspices of the School Empire Tour Committee and will spend the remainder of the year touring Australia. Before the train left, a letter was read from the Prince of Wales, which said:—"Such tours are admirable from an educational viewpoint. My own experience tells me how much there is to learn from seeing other parts of world, and there is no adequate substitute for real knowledge to be gained in this way. More especially do I welcome the idea of tours for schoolboys to the Dominions from the Imperial viewpoint. The boys will on this occasion be in the position of representatives. I am confident that they will see to it that those who meet them in Australia will judge well of them, and, through them, of the country of the schools which they represent."—*British Wireless.*

### PAPAL AUDIENCES.

SUSPENSION TO PROTESTANTS DENIED.

Rome, Aug. 3. The Vatican denies that Papal audiences to protestants have been suspended, but adds that stringent measures have been adopted to prevent a repetition of the incident in which a visitor received in audience failed to kneel.—*Reuter.*

tion of a social phenomena. The presence of some very ordinary people on the Peak has been a perpetual puzzle which will worry me no more. It appears that in the good old days, people knew very little about typhoons, with the dire result that when one came, residents "..... opened hurricane shutters and left their houses, some never to return and others to find them in ruins, or blown to another street by the terrific hurricane which followed the central calm." But the "terrific hurricane" was nothing to the terrific hullabaloo when one of the ancient Kowloon residents insisted upon inhabiting his house which had been deposited somewhere on the Peak!

## The Very Idea!

About four centuries ago there lived in France a woman so beautiful that dense crowds gathered before her house waiting for her to appear that they might bask in her beauty. The city fathers, perturbed by this blocking of the narrow streets, asked La Belle Paule to come for a certain hour twice a week with face unveiled so that everyone might see her loveliness at those times, and leave the streets unblocked at other hours.

They tell this story about Charles Lamb, author. A woman asked the coachman of a coach in which Lamb was riding, "are you full inside?" Whereupon Lamb stuck his head from the carriage window and said, "I am quite full inside; that last piece of pudding at Mr. Gillman's did the business for me."

Whenever a ship is lost the newspapers always say, "Ship Lost at Sea." Probably to save people the trouble of looking in vacant lots and alleys.

The "Shadow Cabinet" will now have to be definitely added to political dictionaries. Has any one previous to Lord Oxford alluded to it in public correspondence? Judging from the names published of those who belong to the inner council of the Liberal Party, including some who have not held office, it seems to be a combined shadow of the last party Ministry and the next one. We may trust that none of those whose status rests upon the future will have to say with Burke, "What shadows we are, and what shadows we pursue!"

His sweetie weighed three hundred pounds.

"Let's take a row," he said. But, when she stepped into the boat, They took a swim instead.

Persia's decision to build railroads is not to stand in the way of motor traffic, and the Government has just decreed the abolition of toll gates on highways, the revenue to be made up in part from a tax on vehicles and in part from duties on imports.

Strenuous Life.—"Oh, I just haven't time even to sew a button on my husband's coat. I declare, there's always something. Yes, I was just thinking about making over Lucy's dress when you called. Pattern, no? Why, yes, I'll come over for it. No, I won't start house cleaning for two weeks yet. Oh, I just haven't time. Who? No, I didn't read it. I must get that book. Why, yes, I'd be glad to borrow it. Mrs. Who? You don't say. . . . yes, I'd love to see her again. . . . This afternoon? Yes, I haven't a thing to do to-day. All right, two-thirty, yes, good-by."

Any husband who holds the purse strings feels that there is no such thing as the sweet buy and buy.

"I think of you in a wee small house, At the end of a slim, green lane, In a land that is free of care and doubt, In a land that knows no pain; I think of you with blue, smiling eyes, But your mouth has a wistful line, As if it longs—oh, I know it does!— For a fleeting touch of mine!"



**BANKRUPTCY ISSUE.****PARTNERSHIP POINT PROVED.**

An application in bankruptcy jurisdiction was made in the Supreme Court, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, this morning, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon. The parties to the issue were the Hing Loong Shing Kee Firm, debtors, and Hop Kook-tong, alias Wong Huen, creditors.

Mr. Sheldon said the case had been adjourned from the last hearing in order that notice of trial be given, and advertisements inserted in various Chinese newspapers. That order had been complied with. The debtor firm had been adjudicated bankrupt on June 5th, and his Lordship in chambers had ordered that the issue should be tried as to whether the defendant, Chang Yuh-sang, was a partner in the firm or not.

An accountant in the debtor firm said he had been employed there for six years and had always looked upon the defendant as a partner, and, so far as he knew, he was the sole partner and owner.

His Lordship asked whether the firm had any bank books, or note paper bearing the defendant's name, showing his association with the firm, but witness replied in the negative.

A trustee appointed by the Court in the estate of the firm said that amongst the papers that were handed to him, was an assignment of the business, which was a salt fish business, of the defendant's.

After the creditors had given evidence as to certain transactions, his Lordship said he was satisfied that the issue had been proved, that the defendant was a partner, and he would make an order to that effect.

Mr. Sheldon asked for an adjudication order against the defendant on the grounds that it was a matter of urgency, owing to the property being mortgaged. He thought the order would have to be made against the defendant personally, before the trustees could take over the property.

His Lordship, after referring to the Ordinance, said it was not necessary to make an order against the defendant personally.

**FIRE ESCAPE MISHAP.****A WANCHAI INCIDENT.**

A mishap occurred to a fire-escape engine last evening after it had been taken out for exercise and was returning to the central station.

In passing the Wanchai Police Station the engine passed over a trench covered over with planks, which were unable to withstand the heavy weight of the vehicle, and gave way. The result was that the engine became stuck with one wheel in the air directly over the opening. After two hours' work, the engine was extricated and was able to return to the station with very little damage.

**STOCK MARKET BOOM.****GREAT EXCITEMENT IN NEW YORK.**

New York, Aug. 3.

There were animated scenes on the Stock Market to-day, when General Motors (Common) continued their sensational advance, selling up to 211 on an enormous volume of transactions. At least half the brokers on the floor congregated at the General Motors post, frantically bidding in an endeavour to execute orders for clients all over the country. The Stock Market touched most strong. General Motors' closed 213 and Steel Corporations advanced five points.

The day's trading was exceptionally heavy over 2,000,000 shares being sold by one o'clock.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**BRITISH SCIENTISTS.****PRINCE TO DELIVER ADDRESS.**

Rugby, Aug. 3.

The British Association for the Advancement of Science will open to-morrow its annual meeting.

This year the meeting is being held at Oxford, and the Prince of Wales, who is President for the year, will deliver the Presidential address. It will therefore be one of the most notable gatherings in the history of this great scientific body.

The Prince has selected as the subject of his address, which will be delivered in the Sheldonian Theatre, some impressions of his world tours.—*British Wireless.*

**PEKING NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.****MAY HAVE TO CLOSE BUILDING.****DEBT FOR COAL.**

Peking, July 24.—If the Peking National University is unable to produce \$1,955 within the next seven days to pay its bills to Mr. Sun Ching-chen, a local coal dealer, the local court will be obliged to seal one of its buildings, sell it by auction and devote the proceeds to the payment of the debt.

This is the notice which the University has just received from the Court. The notice points out that legally speaking the University is not entitled to the seven days' grace, but the Court granted it in consideration of the position of the University. The school is urged to produce the requisite money within the stipulated period.

Judgment in the case was delivered against the University several months ago, but although the coal merchant repeatedly pressed the authorities of the University for execution of the judgment, he was as repeatedly met with the reply that no funds were available to satisfy the debt.

He was finally obliged to appeal to the Court again, that it help him in having the judgment executed. The response of the court to this appeal was the notice in the University that seven days be given it, to raise \$1,955 for the payment of the debt.

**TELL-TALE CLOCK.****SEQUEL TO THEFT.**

A Sherlock Holmes touch was given to a Police Court case this morning.

This was the production of a clock, the value of which as evidence was brought out by the prosecuting police officer, in pointing to the hour at which the hands last stopped.

This was at 11.30 a.m., when a house-breaking incident occurred at No. 3, Water Street, in which the clock and an ornamental vase were stolen.

Shortly after this hour, a man was arrested in the street and the articles were recovered from a sack which he had slung across his shoulder.

The caretaker of the Glass-makers' Guild premises at No. 3 Water Street, who identified the goods as having been stolen from the premises, told the Magistrate that the robbery occurred whilst he went out to have a cup of tea after locking the door. He was unable to explain how entry could have been effected, but the door was found to be open on his return.

In view of this statement, Mr. Lindsell said that the charge of house-breaking could not stand. He convicted the defendant on the second charge, which was that of unlawful possession, and passed sentence of four weeks' hard labour.

**TIN PLATE CASE.****SENTENCE REDUCED.**

Sentence was reviewed by Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning in the case of the coxswain of the lighter Dela-war, who received a term of nine months' imprisonment, last week, on a charge of larceny of 16 cases of tin plates which comprised part of a consignment ordered by the Standard Oil Company.

His Worship said that he was reviewing the defendant's sentence, not because any application had been made by the defence, but because the section under which the charge was brought, only provided a maximum sentence of six months. The original sentence would therefore be reduced to six months' hard labour.

Monsieur Alexandre Varenne, the Governor-General of French Indo-China, will pay his expected visit to Siam in the last week of August.

The rumour that Mr. Justice Sproule is retiring is untrue. He is due back from leave by the Karmala on October 27, and will resume his appointment as Senior Puisne Judge at Penang.

**DEAD. WIFE'S DEBTS?****NOVEL DEFENCE IN SUMMARY COURT CLAIM.**

Mr. Justice Wood was engaged in the Supreme Court this morning in hearing a claim for money, when the defence put forward was that the debts had been contracted by the defendant's Tin Fong wife, who died this year, and the defendant denied responsibility.

Chan Chung, trading as Wing Fat, 233, Queen's Road, East, ground floor, claimed from Wong Sham-chuen, of the same address, second floor, \$125.76, of which \$45.76 was for goods sold and delivered, and the balance, \$80, for money lent on June 22nd last year. Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. M. K. Lo defended.

At the beginning, Mr. McCallum said Mr. Lo had given him notice that in relation to the goods sold and delivered, he was going to plead the Status of Limitation, under which claims under \$1,000 must be sued on within three years unless payment on account has been made or a written promise to pay given. He had no answer to such a pleading, and it would reduce that item of the claim to \$1.

His Lordship:—Then the claim is now \$81?

Mr. McCallum:—Yes, your Lordship.

Continuing, he said the loan was lent to meet expenses incurred in connection with a Dragon Boat Festival.

Mr. Lo said he did not admit any of the items for goods sold and delivered. The defence was that they were sold to the defendant's supposed wife, and Mr. Lo added he wished to stress that point.

Evidence was given by the plaintiff as to the defendant ordering the goods himself, and of their being delivered to him; also with regard to the loan, which he said was paid over in the presence of witnesses.

Examined by Mr. Lo, plaintiff denied that the goods were ordered and delivered to the woman. The defendant would not allow him to take money out of the rent.

After witnesses had spoken with regard to the loan, the defendant, in the witness-box, denied that the debts were incurred by him, but by his Tin Fong wife. He did not know that they had been debited to him.

At the suggestion of his Lordship, it was agreed that the case be adjourned until Monday, and another action between the same parties, in which the plaintiff claims further sums of money, be taken with it, so that the two cases could be taken together.

In the second claim by Chan Chung, it is alleged that the defendant was the head of two Money Loan Associations, which had been discontinued. Plaintiff was an undrawn member in both, and he paid twenty-six subscriptions of \$5 into one, and fifteen subscriptions of \$10 each into the other. The total in the first Association was \$130, and in the second \$150. None of this money had been returned to him. He therefore claims for damage for breach of trust, in failing to carry out his duties as head of the two Associations, whereby he, the plaintiff, had suffered damage to the extent of \$280.

In the alternative, a claim is made for money paid to the defendant for a consideration which failed.

**WAITED FOR REVENGE.****SHOVEL AS WEAPON.**

An altercation between two truck-coolies, as to the question of precedence on the road, led to an assault charge being heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

One of the coolies was called upon to explain why he mis-used a shovel by using it heavily on the head of the other, and, in reply said that he was the victim of an earlier attack of which the motive was his refusal to give the other truck precedence on the road.

Police-Inspector P. Grant informed his Worship that the defendant had apparently nursed his grievance for the space of a whole day and had patiently waited for a favourable moment at which to make use of his shovel.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5 and ordered a like sum to be paid over to the complainant as compensation. The alternative sentences were seven days on each count.

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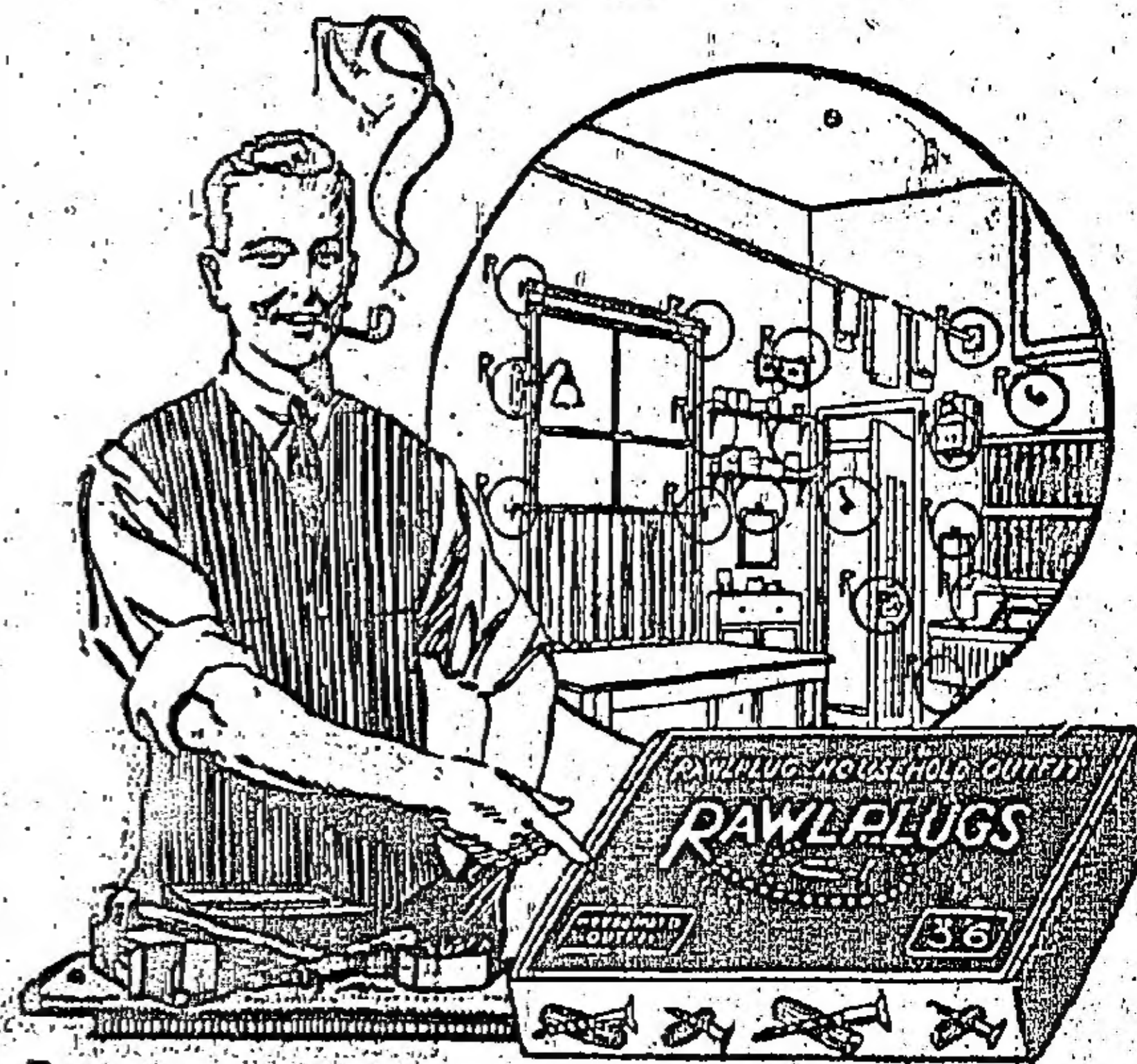
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There were two property sales advertised for yesterday, the lots to be put up being the Kung Wo Hotel by the Auctioneering and Brokering Company, and 155 and 157 Queen's Road West by Mr. A. G. Da Rocha. The latter was withdrawn by a last minute postponement while the former was put through, with only a small attendance.

The lot at the Auctioneering and Brokering Salerooms consisted of Section B of Inland Lot 178 held for 999 years from June, 1861, having an area of 9,223 square feet at an annual Crown Rent of \$99; Section A of Marine Lot No. 177, held for the same period and having an area of 263 square feet at an annual Crown Rent of \$210; Subsection 1 of Section B of Marine Lot 177, held for the same period and having an area of 794 square feet at an annual Crown Rent of \$835; the whole property being the Kung Wo Hotel, numbered 461, 463, 465, 467, 467A and 469A Queen's Road West.

Opening at \$60,000, with bids of \$500 acceptable, there was only one offer at the minimum and the sale was concluded in favour of Mr. Tam Wing at \$60,500.

### ROTOR WINDMILL

### CHEAP LAND POWER.

Application of the revolutionary "rotor mast" idea to the production of cheap power on land will be of equal if not of greater importance than the construction of "rotor towers" on ships, said Mr. Anton Flettner, inventor of the Flettner rudder and of the "rotor ship," Baden-Baden, which has just concluded its successful trial trip across the Atlantic to New York, using its revolving air tower to supplement its engines.

The use of rotors on land as a source of energy from the wind, which was described by Mr. Flettner in an interview, is an aspect of the German inventor's radical proposals which has almost escaped public attention.

Mr. Flettner believes that the cylindrical rotating masts which take the place of old-fashioned sails, both on ships and in mills, will become a major source of cheap power for the future, supplementing wood, oil and coal in the generation of electricity.

The first rotor "windmill" or "rotormill" is now being built at Diesberg, Germany, Mr. Flettner said, and will be brought shortly to Berlin, where its tryout is expected to excite as much or more comment as did the original rotor-ship.

### DUNMOW FLITCH WINNERS.

"T. P." AS JUDGE OF  
HARMONY.

In wig and scarlet robes, "Mr. Justice" T. P. O'Connor, M.P., presided over the Dunmow Flitch Trial at Ilford recently. The claimants have to prove that for a year and a day they have lived together in perfect harmony.

Three couples should have appeared on trial, but, owing to stage fright, one elderly couple found themselves unable to agree at the last moment, and stayed at home.

Of the two couples who did appear one octogenarian pair declared they had "never been blessed with a child," while the other couple swore that they were happy because of their 10 children.

The successful claimants were:—Mr. and Mrs. Wood (with ten children), Charlissa-road, Chadwell Heath.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Arnold (without children), Wentworth-road, Manor Park.

Briefed for the claimants were Capt. J. W. Morris, Councillor John Elborne, and Mrs. Petry—dressed as Portia.

Mr. C. E. Grigsby led for "the Flitch," and with him were Alderman Tanner and Mrs. Bagnall, a second Portia.

### Match-Making Jurors.

To the left of the judge sat a mixed jury of six uncomfortably warm young men and half a dozen delightfully cool-looking maidens. On the judges' right two flitches of bacon glistened in the heat.

"Every year we have to change the jury," it was stated, "because during the year at least three or four of them get married. Not infrequently the men marry the girls on the jury."

Followed by a string of six bonnie children, Mr. and Mrs. Wood stepped on to the rostrum.

Giving evidence, Mr. Wood said his favourite paper was The Daily Chronicle, and his favourite author, Charles Dickens. He made a point of never reading at meals. He was an engineer by profession, and married from choice. No clubman, he preferred to stay at home and listen to the wireless.

### Only Quarrel Over Ireland.

"We were married on December 2, 1876," said Mr. Arnold, in the

### SOLICITOR FAILS FOR £100,000.

SAID TO BE ON HIS WAY  
TO COLOMBO.

London, July 15.—Creditors met at the London Bankruptcy Court owing to the failure of Mr. Edward Henry Coopman, a solicitor, late of the City and Hampstead. The liabilities roughly were estimated at £100,000. The official receiver dealt with claims amounting to £45,499.

It was stated that the only available assets were wine in a locked cellar at the debtor's residence and law books worth £60 at his city office.

The debtor did not surrender to the proceedings.

It is understood that he left for Colombo on June 26.

A trustee was elected to wind up the estate.

"box," and we've never really had any cross words. I do just remember that there was one occasion, a long, long while ago, when I was not quite sure I was glad to be married. It was when I came back from an obscure political meeting, addressed by a young man named T. P. O'Connor. I think I have seen him here this afternoon. So my wife, who is Irish, had a little argument about Home Rule, and I'm glad to say it ended in my conversion."

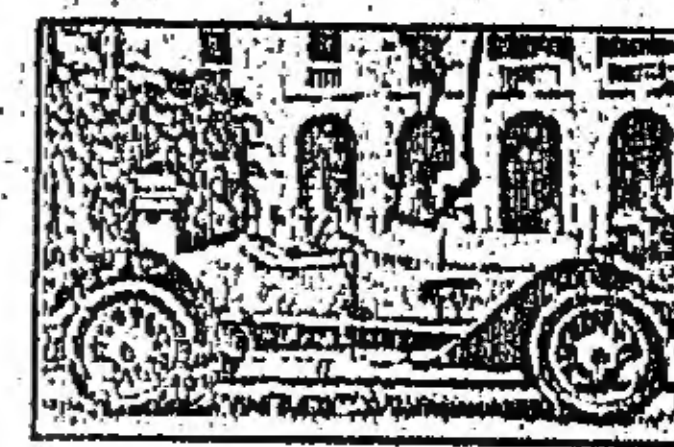
The Judge (summing up): "It appears to me that counsel on both sides, instead of addressing their remarks to the intelligent jury, thought more of the audience. I am still more surprised at this when I look at the bouquet of beauty on my left. As for the bachelor jurymen, it is hardly likely that they will escape early marriage."

"Mr. and Mrs. Wood have been proved a thoroughly devoted couple, even in trouble and sickness, and love never stands higher than under the dark shadows. And as for Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, there is no wonder that they are so happy when an English husband has the good sense to give way to the superior wisdom of his Irish wife."

Each couple was then awarded a flitch.

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Drs. F. M. G. Ozorio, F. H. Kew and Arthur Woo have kindly consented to select and seal the various sentences to be used and to act as judges. Their decision of the result will be considered final.

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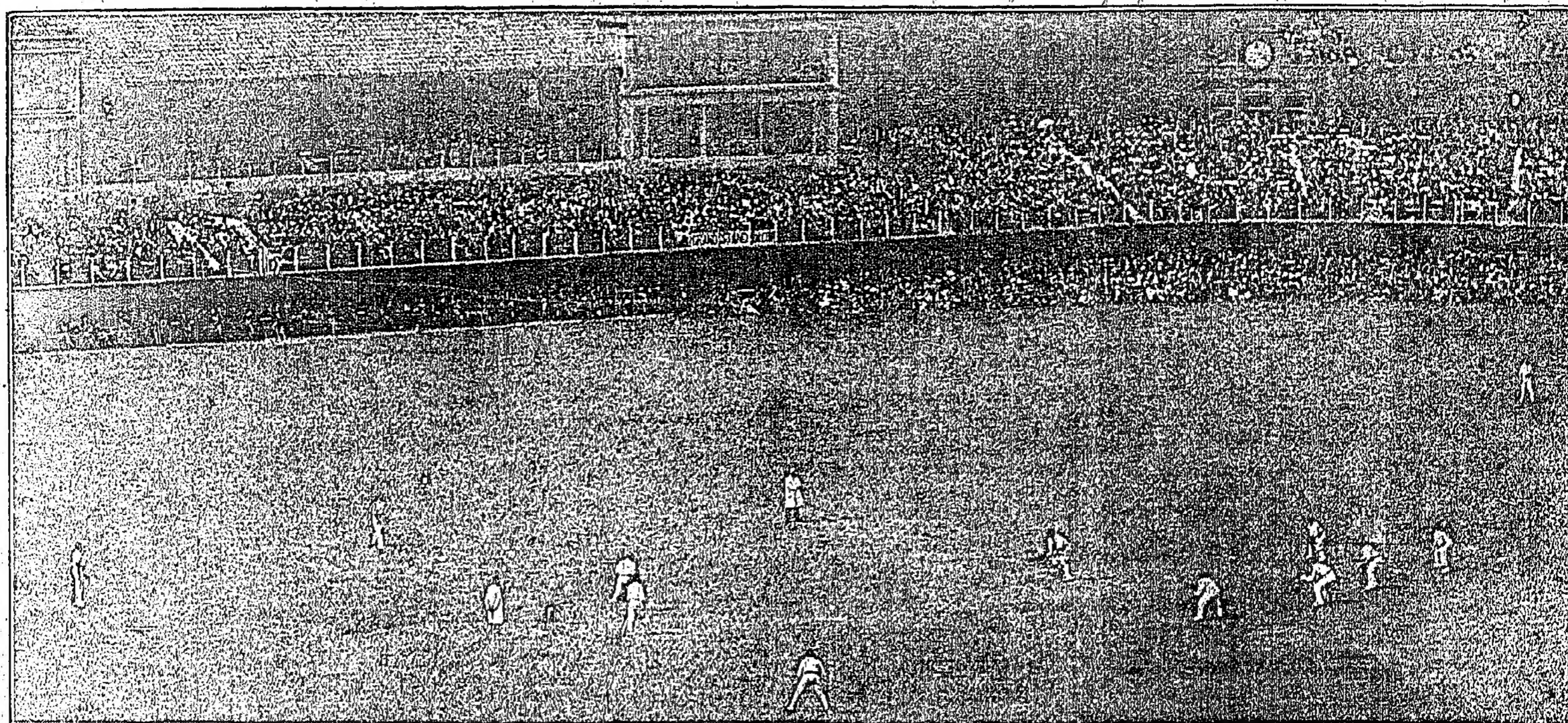
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A general view of Lord's on June 26, during the partnership of Mr. Warren Bardsley and Mr. A. J. Richardson, a stand that yielded over 70 runs to the Australians. Our photograph shows the disposition of the fieldsmen on the legside for Root, who is seen bowling to Richardson. At the close of play the score was 338 runs for 8 wickets, Bardsley having made 173 not out. (Times Copyright.)

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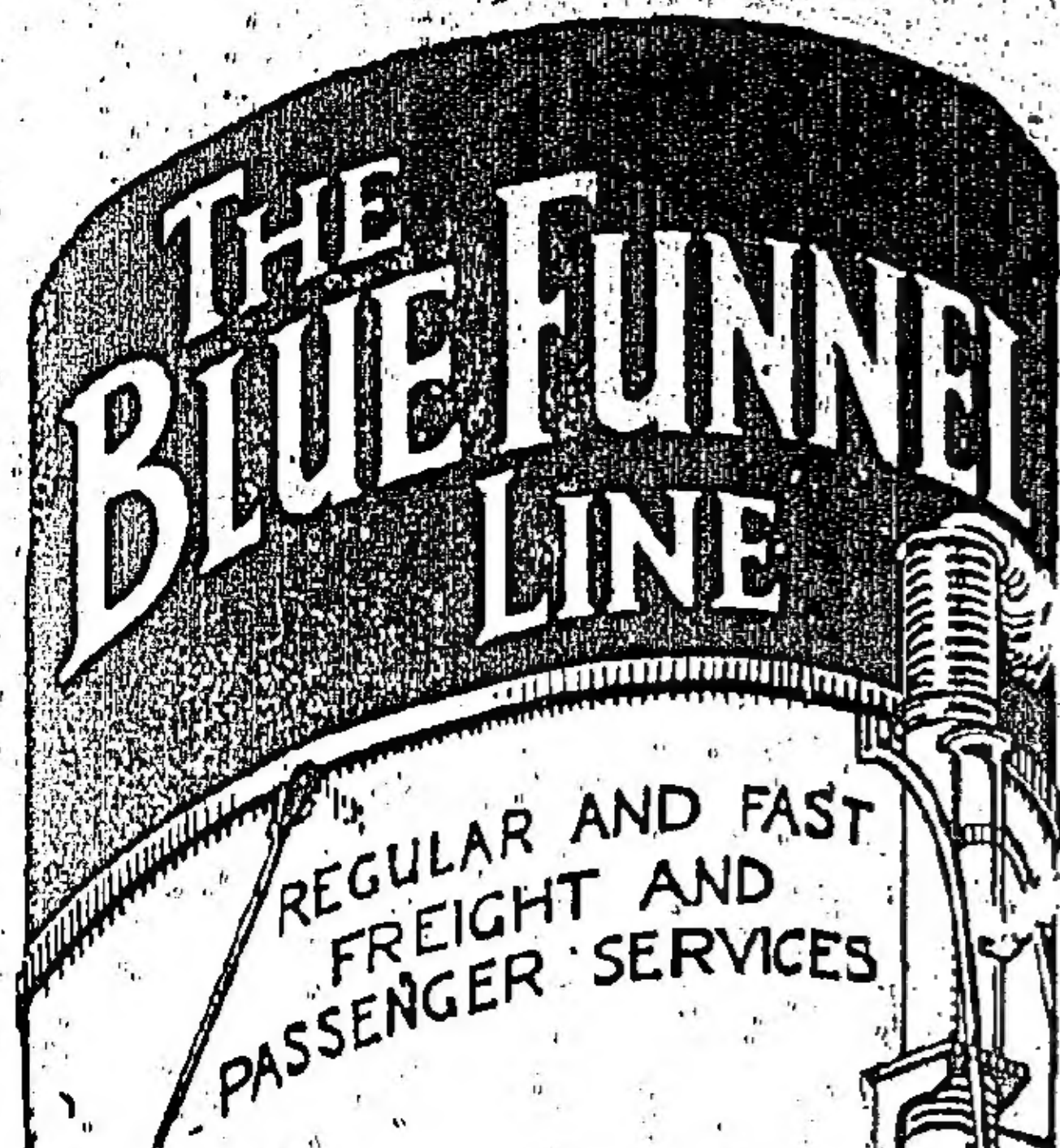
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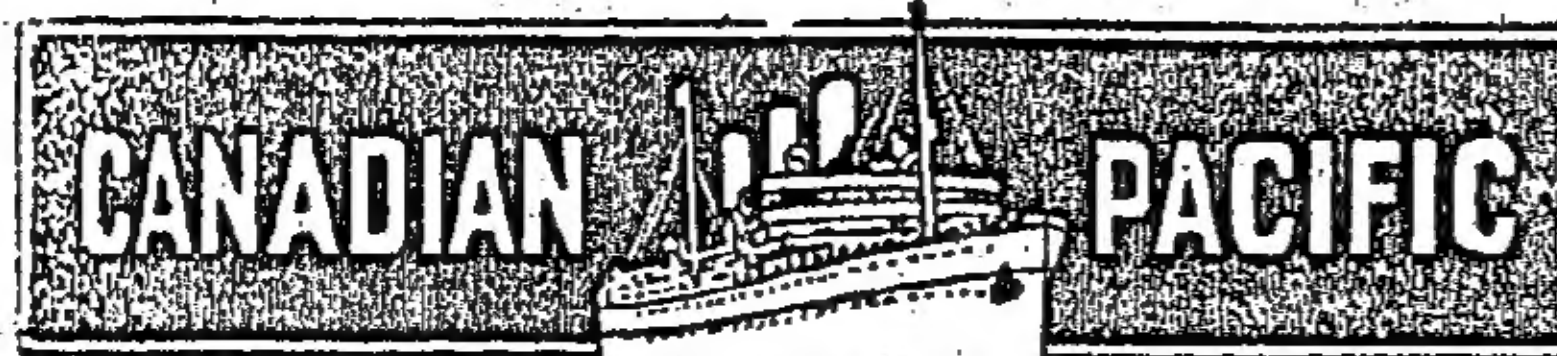
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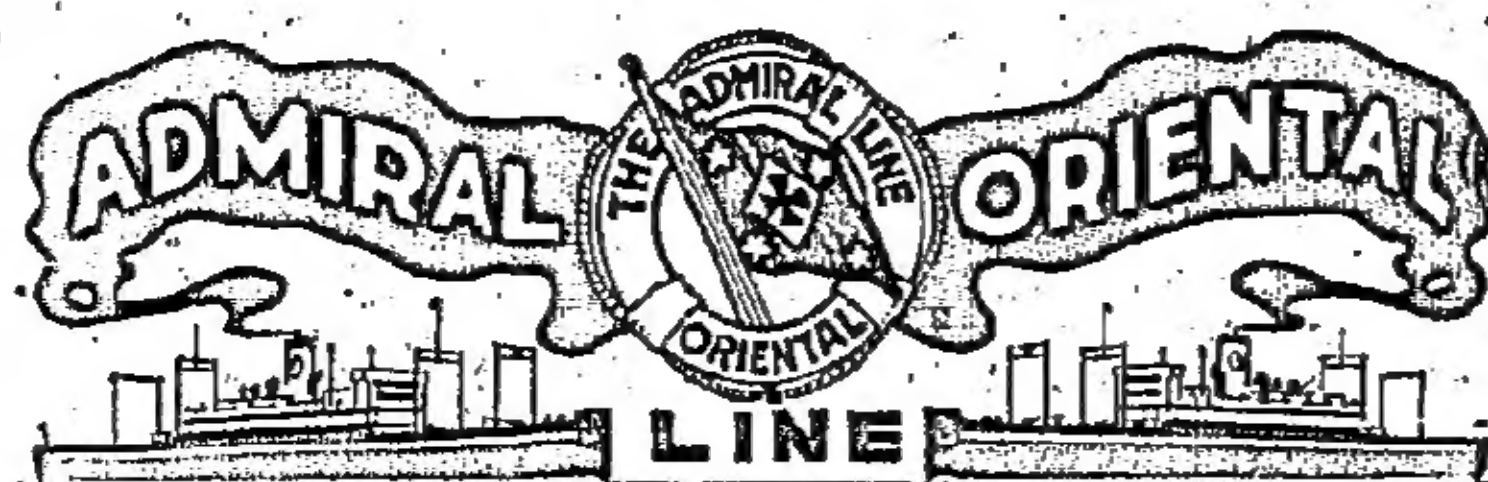
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## "WHAT IS A HAT?"

## A PARLIAMENTARY POINT.

Certain incidents surrounding an attempted point of order after a division in Parliament the other night should properly be followed up by a full discussion on the important theme "What is a hat?"

One of the mysteries of the House of Commons is that which ordains that in order to put a point of order after a division has been called it is essential that a member should remain seated, wearing a hat; not necessarily his own hat. In the case in question a member could neither produce nor borrow a hat, and attempts to improvise a hat by means of a handkerchief and a paper hat were not admitted. Why not? There is no standing order defining the precise form of hat to be worn, and a member, raising the whole question, could point to the fact that hats have changed considerably in the process of time and, further, that hats are of many different kinds.

Supposing a professional chef returned to the House, might he not wear the professional "paper hat," as Keir Hardie wore the deerstalkers, which was his "cap of liberty?" If a woman can wear a flimsy bit of stuff on her head, why may not the male member make a hat out of a handkerchief—the recognised headgear, let us remember, of the pirate? The old form was merely "covered" and a handkerchief is certainly a covering. There seem to be endless possibilities of discussion on the matter. Mr. Churchill, of course, would be eloquent.

—Manchester Guardian.

## CASE FOR COAL TRUST.

## WASTED CAPITAL AND LABOUR.

Perhaps the main ground on which our British industry is open to fair criticism is that it is conducted on a petty scale. Capital and labour are too often wasted on small undertakings which are handicapped alike in output, in buying, and in selling.

It is not long since Sir Eric Geddes, a great railway chief became Minister of Transport, amused the House of Commons with a faithful description of the economic waste and lack of standardisation associated with the conduct of a large number of individual railway companies whose trains were not on speaking terms with each other, whose junctions were more often than not placed at opposite ends of the same town, and whose respective servants were rarely able to help one to get from one little line to another.

## Industrial Pettifoggery.

Coal is easily the most striking case of industrial pettifoggery. Every independent inquirer who examines the subject comes to the same conclusion, namely, that the ownership of about 3,000 coal mines by about 1,500 separate mining undertakings is a wasteful economic absurdity.

These many companies, dealing in little, cannot obtain capital on good terms, cannot buy well, cannot use standard appliances, cannot all avail themselves of first-class brains, and cannot dispose of their products to the best advantage.

Further, the 1,500 mining companies rent their mines, from some 4,000 landlords or coal lords, so that very often the boundaries of mining operations are determined, not by common sense, not by science, not by the decision of a mining engineer, but by the boundary of ownership by a particular landlord. So a mining engineer has to sink his shaft, not where it ought to be, but where the ownership compels it to be. In the evidence put before the Sankey Commission the reader can find a map of part of the South Wales coalfield that looks exactly like a child's jigsaw puzzle.

Boggling at a Small Job. Are we never to realise that the island of Great Britain is very small, and that there is no real difficulty in making the working of its coal an undertaking as compact as if it were not so tragic in its consequences, this boggling at a small job—this false conception of the little British coal area as a "gigantic" problem.

The problem has been created by a bad system; it is not inherent in the British coalfields. We can, and should, sweep away the problem by creating a Coal Trust or Coal Authority to unify British coal-working.

The word "trust" is a good one, and in economic affairs it has come to stand for a good thing. The days have gone by when, in America, the trust was regarded as a monopoly against the public interest.

In both America and Germany it has been proved that the factors of a great industry can be economic.

cally amalgamated for the benefit of the rank and file of the workers. The employees of the United States Steel Corporation earn at least three times as much as when the trust first formed. Judge Gary, the president of this trust, boasts, with truth, that his "corporation has a soul," and that it regards its workers as co-operative partners.

## The First Step.

The latest (Samuel) Coal Commission went part of the way. They recommended definitely the abolition of the 4,000 ownerships of the mineral itself. This, of course, is the first step in unification. As to the working of the coal, thus primarily unified by one ownership, the Samuel Commission recommended that amalgamations should be promoted by (undefined) legislation, by coal commissioners to stimulate the process, and to use unified ownership as a means of promoting suitable amalgamations.

Unfortunately, the commissioners were vague on this important subject, and left it to others to frame definite proposals.

Arguments for unification have been found convincing by men like Sir Richard Redmayne, our greatest coal expert, Sir Arthur Duckham, who would unify the ownership of the mineral, and unify the working by great districts, by Mr. Justice Sankey whose verdict went with the evidence, and Mr. J. St. Loe Strachey, who, in the *Sunday Express*, has proposed unified ownership by a coal commissioners' co-operative combine. I have myself proposed a body after the model of the Port of London authority, which is really a trust representative of traders using the port and great public authorities.

There is plenty of room for discussion how unification should be actually carried out, and I can imagine a number of excellent alternative plans, any one of which would be infinitely better than the present method of pettifoggery coal exploitation.

As to unification itself, I am at a loss to understand how any reasonable person can oppose it. Let those who think our coal-working too great a thing for unification reflect on the fact that if all our coalmines, all our coke-ovens, and all our iron and steel works were combined, they would form a trust much smaller than the successful United States Steel Corporation—Sir I. Chiozza Money in Ex.

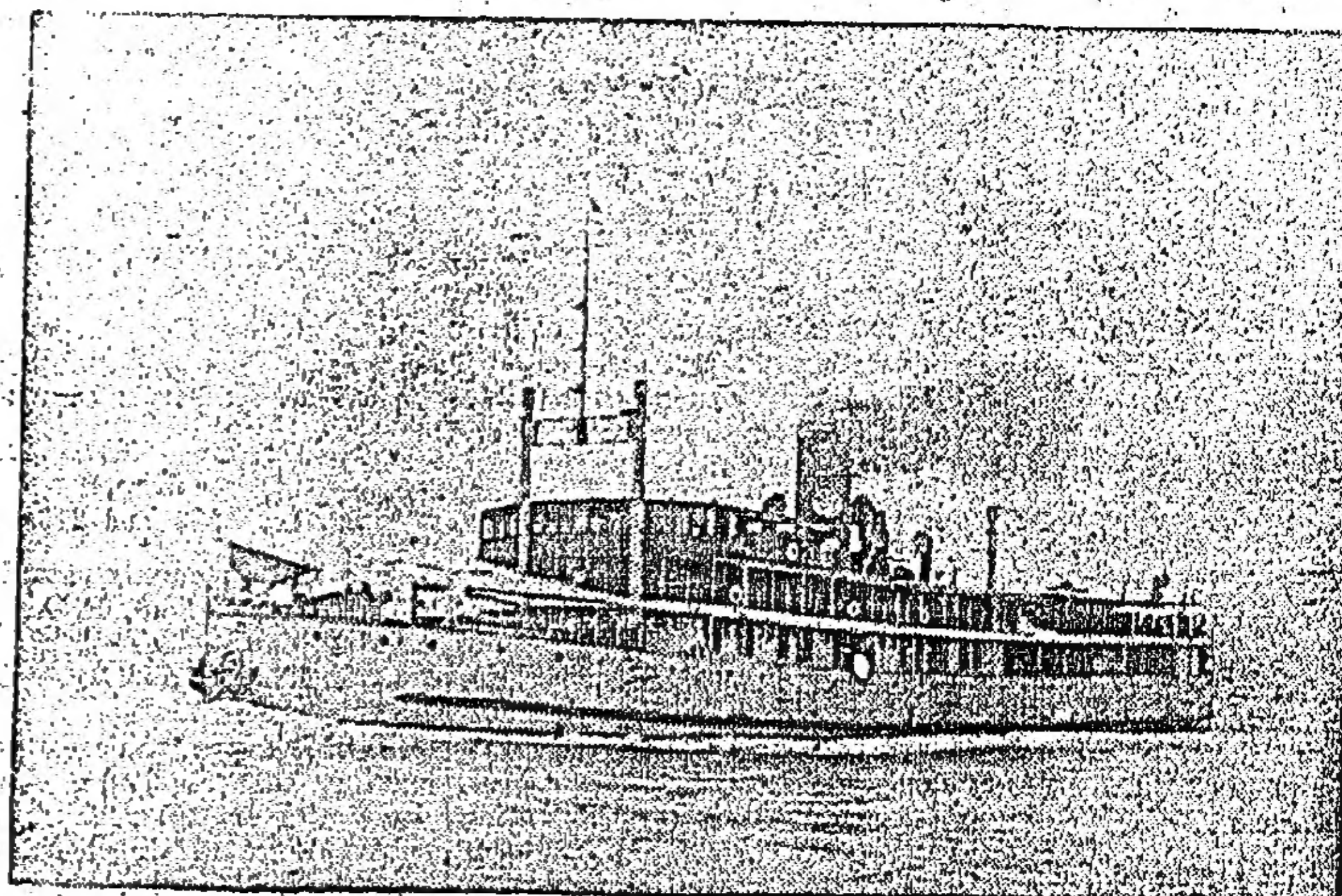
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Although each of the fourteen men were victimised by the defendant, only charges in respect of three of the men were preferred against the accused.

According to the evidence of some of the witnesses called, the defendant approached them at various times and offered to obtain for them positions on ships, on payment of a sum of \$5. The money in each case was paid and when some days later they sought out the defendant to enquire about the jobs, the accused in-

## GIRL'S TRAGIC DEATH.

## FALLS AMONG WORKING MACHINERY.

A Chinese girl worker, aged 14, met with a tragic end about 7 o'clock yesterday evening, when she fell among the machinery of a printing press at the South China Lithographic Press, 1 and 2 Yuen On Lane, (off Hollywood Road).

The girl was standing on the platform where the paper is fed to the machine, and accidentally slipped. She suffered injuries chiefly to the head, and death was practically instantaneous.

The police had the body removed to the mortuary.

formed them that there was no work available for them. On remanding, the return of their money they were offered \$1, which they refused and later reported the matter to the Police, with the result that the defendant was arrested. The case was adjourned.



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MALWA	10,941	16th Oct.	M's, London, Antwerp & Hull
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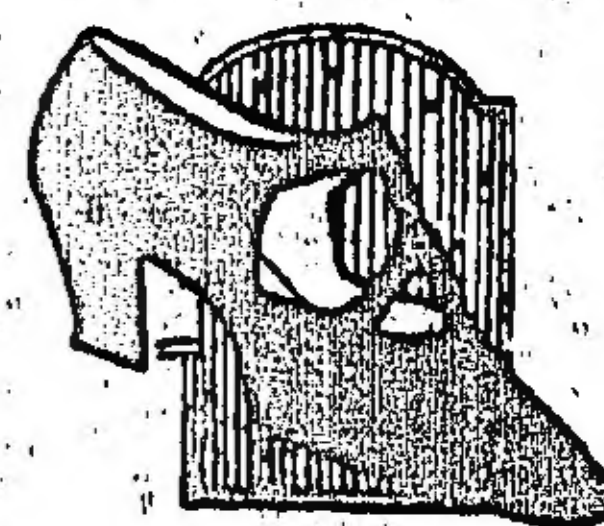
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Reports from various points

show that a large area was affect-

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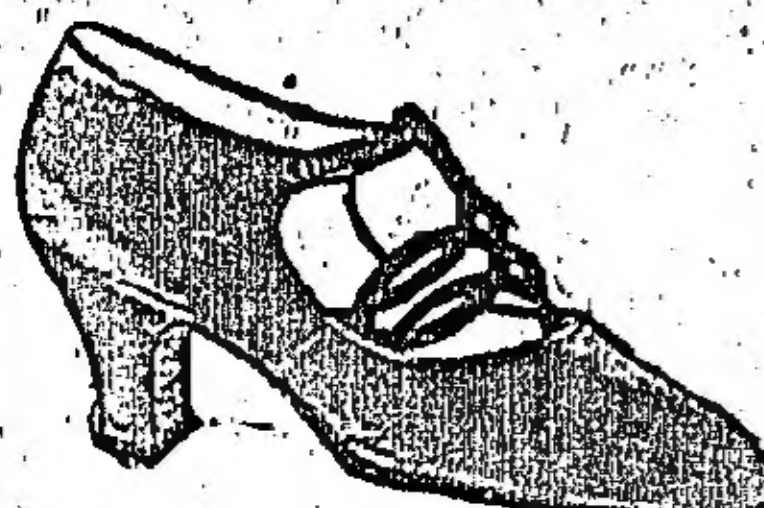
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## LIVING COSTS.

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pay altogether too big a proportion of his salary as rent before he starts to meet his other expenses.

The problem of the cost of living exists in a more or less acute form all over the East, but it is doubtful whether any place is worse than Singapore in this respect. It is a sore burden to the average European, who gives his service here, and when he has to live in a boarding house or—worse of all solutions!—share a house with somebody else, he is led seriously to think whether the game is worth the candle and whether he would not be far better off on half the money at home.

The trouble is, of course, that the longer a man stays in the tropics, the harder it is for him to start over again under home conditions, where probably he would find it very difficult to enter an overcrowded labour market.

## LUCKY KUALA LUMPUR.

If the house rent problem could be solved by more firms building for themselves the burden would be considerably lighter. In this connection it is worthy of note that the problem does not exist in anything like as acute a form in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the Federated Malay States. The reason is that much building of house property has been done by the trustees of the estate of Loke Yew, a famous Chinese of Kuala Lumpur who died some years ago and left fabulous wealth. Their method is to build a house and charge a rent which gives only a reasonable return on the money expended, with the result that Europeans can rent decent houses at considerably below the hundred dollar mark.

This article has been rather a wall on behalf of the European but it is to be added that he is not the only sufferer. The cost of living is felt by every class, and the rents which Asiatics have to pay are altogether out of proportion to their wages. So the constant demand for more goes on. The clerk says he cannot live on his salary, and the employer retorts that he does not make enough profit to pay more. Somebody is making the money—it cannot be the landlord, for he denies it vigorously—but whoever it may be, he knows how to keep quiet about it.

## THE HUNAN WAR.

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the commencement of the march to Hunan. It has now been suggested to the coolie recruiting agencies that, before a coolie is handed over to the army, every effort should be made to make him fully acquainted with the regulations.

## LABOUR TROUBLE.

The recent Kuomintang mandate forbidding unnecessary strikes during the period of the Northern expedition has not discouraged the evil, and Canton to-day sees many lines of trade wholly suspended on account of labour troubles.

The Tea-House Waiters' Guild has announced that, after August 3rd, its members may take one or two days off; and it is being presumed that they will hold a parade to demonstrate against the waiters of the Noodle Lunch Room Guild, the members of which are demanding the punishment of Chan Sum, head of the Tea-House Waiters' Guild, whom the Noodle Lunch Room waiters have accused of being the chief conspirator responsible for the death of a number of waiters in a recent conflict. Canton fears that there will be trouble between the Central Labour Union and the Kuomintang Workers' Delegate Conference, of which the Tea-House and the Noodle Room employees are members respectively. Ever since the attempted kidnapping of Chan Sum and the failure of the Kuomintang to bring about an amicable settlement of the dispute, both factions have been preparing for a feud.

## THE POSTMEN'S STRIKE.

The Kuomintang is still working hard to mediate in the postmen's strike, which is responsible for the stoppage of communication in many parts of Kwangtung. Kuomintang leaders believe that they will, by assuming some of the obligations imposed by the postmen on the postal authorities, be able to patch up things for the time being.

## TRAMWAY CASE.

## TWO BROTHERS—ONE TICKET.

A stipulation in connection with the issue of monthly tickets to tram-passengers, making the transfer of such tickets illegal, gave rise to a prosecution taken out at the instance of Mr. A. Gillard, of the Hongkong Tramways Company. The case was heard before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy to-day.

Fung Chak-wan, the holder of a monthly ticket, living at Bonham Strand, was charged under the Company's bye-laws with transferring his ticket to another person, namely his younger brother, Fung See-hee; while Fung See-hee was charged, under the same bye-laws, with using a ticket on which his name did not appear.

The first-named defendant, in response to the charge, said that the discovery of his own ticket on his brother on the day in question (the 29th July) was naturally explained by the fact that the latter was being sent to the ticket sale office for the purpose of having the ticket renewed.

The younger brother was, however, discovered on a tram running between Causeway Bay and Quarry Bay, and, in a statement, Mr. Gillard said that the boy was brought to the office by a tram inspector, and had then told them that his brother had given him the ticket to make use of. Nothing was said about renewal, and the boy had no money on him. He had not even the price of a fare back to Bonham Strand.

Both defendants were convicted on the respective charges, and a fine of \$10 was imposed in each case.

## OPIUM RESERVE.

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On the same point, while it is not clear to us whether the income from the existing fund of 30 millions will legally be considered as Revenue of the Colony and so be liable to assessment for Military Contribution or not, it seems possible that when the time comes for such income to be received into the Colony's revenue to meet its Annual Budget it will be so liable.

Thus the Colony in effect will be paying part of its 20 per cent. Military Contribution twice over. On the other hand it seems obvious that the use of an accumulated capital fund to meet revenue expenditure would not involve any liability to deduction for military contribution.

## THE TEN PER CENT.

We recommend the committee to object strongly to the proposal to allocate 10 per cent. of the Colony's Annual Revenue to the augmentation of the fund. We object both to the amount of the proposed allocation and to the principle on which it is apparently proposed to make it.

As to the amount, we have, in paragraphs 3 and 4, given our reasons for considering that only a moderate fund is required. We would point out that, if we may take 20 years as the period at the end of which Opium Revenue will have ceased, the 30 millions already set aside will at 4 per cent. Compound Interest have amounted to nearly 66 millions or a sum sufficient to cover the entire Opium Revenue at present rates for a period of more than 4 years without any other taxation whatever being imposed in the meantime.

Apart from the amount voted, we object to the principle on which the vote in Council on October 5, 1925, was taken. We consider that the sum (if any) to be allocated should be set aside after the Estimates of Expenditure and Revenue for the year have been considered.

If after the current requirements of the Colony have been provided for and after it has been ascertained that existing taxation does not bear unduly onerously on the community, there remains a surplus. We do not object to that surplus being allocated to the Opium Reserve, but we can see no justification whatever for appropriating 10 per cent. of the Revenue of the Colony each year before providing for the current needs of the community.

(Signed):

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A discovery of 1,000 tins of opium, valued at \$6,000, was made on the Van Overstraten in Singapore. The contraband was found in various parts of the ship. No arrests have been made.

## BOYS' PROBLEMS.

## UNIQUE Y.M.C.A. CONGRESS.

Helsingfors, Aug. 3.

Two hundred and fifty boys are among the delegates to the Y.M.C.A. Congress here. The delegates include 245 Americans, 16 Australians, 20 Chinese, 22 Indians and four Japanese, and are presided over by Dr. John Mott.

The delegates are working in 53 small international groups which will discuss the results of a world-wide inquiry into the minds of youth conducted during the past two years. Twenty-five groups have agreed on the predominant importance of the sex problem, because the growth of immorality, birth control, the craze for dancing, the passion for freedom and also bad housing have weakened parental control, caused insufficient sex education, late marriages for economic reasons and Freudian psychology. Several boys' groups have demanded more information on sex if scientific and from the right source and given at the right age.

Seventeen groups have regarded the home problem as the most important since its solution involves all the others.

All groups are considering the problems in the light of practical Christianity.—*Reuter.*

## LAKE DENMARK EXPLOSION.

## BOARD SAYS CAUSED BY LIGHTNING.

Washington, Aug. 3.

The Naval Board of Enquiry into the cause of the explosion at the naval Arsenal at Lake Denmark has concluded that the disaster was caused by lightning. It pays tribute to the heroism displayed by officers and men on the scene and recommends them for decorations.

The re-building of Lake Denmark is recommended, but not for high explosives, and the construction of two new depots is advised near the Pacific Coast in the Gulf of Mexico.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## FRENCH FINANCES.

## DEBT AGREEMENT WITH ENGLAND.

Rugby, Aug. 3.

Mr. Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated in the House of Commons to-day that he had been informed by M. Poincare, the French Premier, that he would ask the Chamber to ratify the agreement with Britain as soon as possible, and, at the latest, as soon as the Chamber meets in the Autumn. The agreement would include two letters signed by M. Caillaux and himself (Mr. Churchill), which were an integral part of it.—*British Wireless.*

## IMPROVED FRANC.

London, Aug. 3.

The closing franc rates to-day French 177½ and Belgian 176½.—*Reuter.*

## SENATE PASSES BILL.

The Senate by 250 votes to 13 has adopted the Finance Bill.—*Reuter.*

## OBITUARY.

## FORMER HONGKONG OFFICER.

London, Aug. 3.

The death is announced of Lieut.-Col. MacGregor Greer, R.A.O.C., formerly Chief Ordnance Officer in Hongkong.—*Reuter.*

The deceased officer, who arrived in Hongkong in February, 1922, succeeded Colonel T. A. Robertson as Chief Ordnance Officer in June of that year, and held the post for about two and a half years. During his residence here he stayed at the Hongkong Club, and was a keen tennis and cricket player. He took a deep interest in the welfare of the men under him, and was one of the most popular and well-liked officers of the Garrison.

## NEW RUBBER FIELD.

## POSSIBILITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES.

New York, Aug. 3.

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